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There is £22,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio competition today: £20,000 in the weekly competition and the daily prize of £2,000.
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Terrorists told: You can run, but you cannot hide

Washington demands extradition of hijackers

President Reagan is seeking extradition from Italy of the seized hijack terrorists so that they can stand trial in the United States.

But Italy was unmoved by Washington's request and announced that murder and kidnap charges against the Palestinians were being prepared.

Washington's joy at the capture of the four Palestinians may be premature. Another, equally ruthless attack on the US or its allies, could be on the way

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan, elated by the "magnificent news" of the capture of the four Palestinians who hijacked an Italian cruise ship, the Achille Lauro, and killed an elderly, disabled American, is seeking extradition of the terrorists from Italy to stand trial in the United States.

The Italian Government told the White House yesterday that the men will be subject to the full process of law. But President Reagan said last night that there could be two trials, the other in the United States. American law would not provide for a murder trial but the terrorists could face life imprisonment in the United States for hostage-taking.

Initially the United States is content to let Italy prosecute the hijackers for piracy. Agreement on that was reached by telephone between Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, and Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Foreign Minister, late on Thursday night.

Mr Reagan's stock rose considerably in Congress and with public opinion after news of the interception by four Tomcat F-14 fighter aircraft of the Egyptian civilian airliner flying the terrorists out of Egypt.

Having been turned away from Tunis and Athens, the Boeing 737 was forced by the United States jets to land at Sigonella airport, a Sicilian Nato base, on Thursday night.

At a stroke Mr Reagan has done much to counter the impression that the US is a helpless giant in the face of world terrorism. It is the first tangible result of his pledge to pursue terrorists wherever necessary.

Reactive to American airmen and others involved in the operation, he said before leaving for a weekend at his Camp David retreat: "These young Americans sent a message to terrorists everywhere that you can run but you cannot hide."

The affair has severely strained relations with President Mubarak of Egypt, his close Arab ally, who appears to have deliberately misled the Americans about the whereabouts of the terrorists during the confusing hours of Thursday morning.



President Reagan expressing his delight at the capture of the four Palestinian hijackers, as the Egyptian Boeing 737 forced to take them to Sicily sits at Sigonella air base.

Italy turns down Reagan

From John Earle, Rome

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, has turned down a request from President Reagan to hand over the four Palestinian hijackers of the Achille Lauro who were being held yesterday in Sicily under maximum security.

He disclosed that the President telephoned him a second time early on Friday after calling him just before midnight to obtain landing permission for the Egyptian Boeing 737 carrying the hijackers and for the American fighters, which had intercepted it.

Signor Craxi said: "The President advanced to me the desire of the United States Government to have in America the group of terrorists for them to face justice."

"I pointed out that the offences were committed in Italian territory, and it was therefore a matter for Italian jurisdiction. On this President Reagan concurred, but he forwarded me of an American extradition request for the four terrorists."

Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Foreign Minister, also made clear in a telephone call in the middle of the night to his opposite number, Mr George Shultz, that Italy was not prepared to hand over the Palestinians, but intended to try them.

On Thursday, before the interception, Italy had already indicated that it would seek the four men's extradition from the Palestine Liberation Organization in Tunis, which it was thought, had custody of them.

In Sicily, the Italian authorities sealed off all entrances to the American-run Nato air base at Sigonella near Catania.

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Fear of new attack as extremists threaten retaliation

From Robert Fisk, Cairo

While President Reagan's Administration was expressing its jubilation yesterday at the capture of the four Palestinian gunmen who had murdered an elderly American tourist on board the hijacked Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro, there were signs last night that Washington's joy may be premature and that Palestinian and other Arab groups may be planning to spoil US elation by carrying out another, equally ruthless attack on the Americans or their allies, including the British.

A PLO spokesman in Cairo described the US military operation that forced the plane carrying the hijackers to land at a Nato base in Sicily, as a "criminal" act, but a far more ominous statement was made in Beirut, where a caller claiming to represent the Palestinian group to which the gunmen belonged, telephoned a Western news agency in the city and threatened to strike at "US interests" throughout the world if any harm befell the men. The Italians, he demanded, must immediately release them from custody.

While such reactions may appear absurd to Western eyes - not least because apologists for the gunmen are now claiming that noone was murdered on the Italian liner - there is a growing fear in Arab capitals that extremist groups will regard the hijacking and the subsequent US military operation as the start of an open war against the Americans and their supporters in the West.

There is already growing evidence in the Middle East that the group calling itself "the movement of revolutionary socialist muslims" - which has killed a British diplomat in

Greece and more recently staged a grenade attack at an Athens hotel where Britons were on holiday - is a front organization for Abu Nidal's assassination squads, at present loyal to Syria.

It was the faction belonging to Abu Nidal - whose real name is Sabri el-Banna - which threatened to murder the two pro-Arafat PLO men who are to meet Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, next week.

And British officials in the Arab world have noted with concern that the six British women on board the Achille Lauro appeared to have been singled out from other Europeans.

peans on the ship and threatened together with American passengers in a separate room.

Last night, the six young women were still so upset by their experience that they refused the British consul's invitation to travel down to Cairo on the grounds that they were frightened of being kidnapped on the way.

Mr Yassir Arafat's PLO, while still condemning the original hijacking, was issuing warnings of extremist retaliation against the Americans and West European nations from several capitals last night.

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Thatcher offers 'blank cheque' to the police

From Julian Haviland, Political Editor, Blackpool

The Prime Minister yesterday assured the Conservative Party Conference that the law would be enforced against street violence and riot, and she attacked the Labour Party for not expelling those in its own ranks who conspired to subvert the law.

Labour's failure placed a unique responsibility on the Government and the Conservative Party, she said, to conserve the rule of the people of all parties and of none.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher recalled that a delegate to Labour's annual conference last week had been applauded for calling the police the enemy.

"Enemy? The overwhelming majority of the British people regard the police as friends," she said to loud applause. "They admire and are deeply thankful for the courage of the police and of their families."

The Prime Minister then unexpectedly offered the police a blank cheque. "The Government will continue steadfastly to back the police," she said, "if they need more men, more equipment, different equipment, they shall have them. We do not economize on protecting life and property."

Mrs Thatcher was given a wild eight-minute ovation for a speech in which she emphasized that the Government would not renege, but left a number of party representatives wanting a clearer indication of its future course.

Mr Norman Tebbit, party chairman, acknowledged on BBC television last Sunday that the electorate was not certain where the party was going and did not see the reforming radicalism of 1979. Yet Mrs Thatcher referred only briefly to the next decade.

The party should set its sights, she said, on a Britain where three out of four families

owned their homes and where owning shares was as common as owning a car; a Britain with more people self-employed, more businesses, more jobs, where savings kept their value.

"Step by step we are rolling back the frontiers of socialism and returning power to the people," she said.

There was no word about either of the Government's two most challenging commitments, to reform rates and the structure of social security.

There was no explicit endorsement of Mr Nigel Lawson's objective to make tax cuts. Instead, Mrs Thatcher dwelt on the Government's record, and attacked Labour's claims, enlarged by Mr Neil Kinnock's Bournemouth speeches, to be a party of moderation.

"By their fruits ye shall know them," she said of Labour. At Bournemouth, Labour had voted to scrap the laws requiring secret ballots in trade unions; to give up Britain's nuclear deterrent, and to indemnify councils and unions which broke the law for political ends.

The Labour Party was two factions in a state of civil war, with the left gaining ground.

Socialism in action could be seen today in Liverpool, Lambeth and Haringey. Those councils showed what it would be like if Labour got power at Westminster.

"The militant left will not be beaten by brave words and ritual disciplines," Mrs Thatcher said. "If the Labour leadership is genuinely against these people, why don't they expel them?"

"Isn't the real reason that they are a bigger and bigger part of the Labour Party? And that the present leadership can't do without them?"

She criticized Mr Kinnock for supporting the miners' strike, conducted with intimidation and violence. "Courage is not making a speech in Bournemouth long after the event. Courage is what you show in the heat of the battle, not at the post-mortem."

Real courage was that shown by the working miners, railwaymen, steelmen and dockers, whom Labour had disowned.

The Prime Minister catalogued the Government's achievements as if to demonstrate as if to demonstrate

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Plot against Gandhi fear

The police are believed to have uncovered a plot against Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, three days before his official visit to Britain, after the arrest yesterday of at least six men under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The men, believed to be Kashmiris, were arrested by police officers from five forces in a coordinated operation.

Leicestershire police, who are holding several men, said last night that criminal charges were being considered.

Two of the men were arrested in London and three more in Halifax, Blackburn and Oldham.

Strikers demand Grant must resign

By Robin Young

More than 1,000 employees of Haringey Borough Council in north London went on strike yesterday and marched to the Civic Centre to demand the resignation of the council leader, Mr Bernie Grant, over his reaction to the riot on the Broadwater Farm Estate.

Mr Grant had refused to condemn the riot and the murder of Police Constable Keith Blakelock and had referred to the police getting "a bloody good hiding."

The workers, members of the Transport and General Workers Union and the National Union of Public Employees, voted unanimously to stage an immediate 24-hour strike at a mass meeting held at a council transport depot.

A black man who spoke in support of Mr Grant was howled down and six workers walked out of the meeting before the vote was taken.

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US plan for Third World 'superbank'

The Reagan Administration, as part of its plans to defuse the international debt crisis, wants to create an international "superbank" to handle all loans to Third World countries, Bailey Morris writes from Hot Springs, Virginia.

Mr Richard Darman, the Deputy Treasury Secretary, said yesterday that the bank would replace the current system of international banking syndicates which both approves new loans to Third World nations and renegotiates old debts.

The new bank is the Administration's response to worsening relations with Latin American debtor countries. But Mr Darman said the idea had not yet been formally unveiled.

The Administration's idea is to channel all old and new monies available to Third World nations from private sources through the new bank, thus consolidating the management of these loans.

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Rate rebel councillors fail to postpone appeal against penalties

By Hugh Clayton

Rebel councillors' hopes of postponing the threat of a ban from office until well into 1986 received a setback in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Mann decided, on application from district auditors in a London borough and Liverpool, that the rebels' appeals against surcharge and disqualification should be heard on January 13, the first day of the new legal term.

Appeals have been filed by 80 rebels from Lambeth, in south London, and Liverpool and one former Lambeth councillor,

who have been accused by auditors of wilful misconduct which led to losses of interest during the abortive Labour rates defiance in the spring.

Similar actions may be mounted by auditors later against councils such as Greenwich, in south London, and Sheffield, which persisted for a shorter time in delaying the fixing of rates.

If the Liverpool and Lambeth rebels lose their appeals they will have to pay a total of £233,000 and will be banned

from all council office for five years.

Mr Justice Mann rejected an application from the Liverpool councillors to have their case heard in Liverpool because several of them were unemployed and could not afford the cost of appearing in London. He ruled that the case would be heard by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court which, by tradition, sits only in London.

But yesterday's victory by the auditors was only one stage in preventing the rebels from using legal action as a means of postponing their banning from office until after council elections next May. Wards held by the Lambeth rebels and some of the Liverpool councillors are due for elections then.

The appeals against surcharge are the first of their kind under the latest legislation and are therefore almost certain to be taken on to the Court of Appeal and perhaps the House of Lords.

Meanwhile related cases planned by other Labour-led councils may cut across the Lambeth and Liverpool hearings. An appeal will be heard early next month against the rejection in the High Court in the summer of a complicated claim by Greenwich council that the manner in which it was rate-capped by ministers early this year was unreasonable.

If that appeal was upheld it would undermine the basis of rate capping for 1986 and one of the planks on which district auditors have based their cases against Lambeth and Liverpool councillors. That is that the spring rebellion was futile because they had no hope of winning changes in government controls such as rate capping.

Camden council in north-west London may challenge the withholding last spring of housing benefit subsidies by the Department of Health and Social Security. Although the money is now being paid to all rebel councils, the potential interest lost on it is at the heart of the cases against Lambeth and Liverpool.

Those two councils were told in the spring that they would not receive the money until they fixed their rates. If Camden secures a ruling that the money should have been paid, another part of the auditors' case will have been undermined.



Mr Grant (top) being escorted on arrival at the Haringey Civic Centre yesterday. Mr Fred Chisholm and Miss Flo Gregory, two of the demonstrators with a message for the council leader and (right) a Nalga member who opposed the one-day strike.

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jobs may depend upon a Labour council being retained, and Mr Grant's actions could lose us our jobs. He has done terrible damage to Labour, and has driven a deep wedge between the people who live in the borough.

Mr Steve Coles, branch secretary of Nalga, agreed that Mr Grant's attitude was likely to lose the Labour Party the local elections in May.

Supporters of the Socialist Workers Party and Militant paraded posters outside the meeting blaming Mrs Margaret Thatcher and not Mr Grant, but local residents countered with a streamer of wallpaper converted into a banner declaring: "Bernie Grant does not speak for Haringey. Bernie get out. Council supports murder".

At the end of a three-mile march to the Civic Centre there were noisy scenes when the marchers were met by about 70 demonstrators, many carrying Nalga placards, who chanted abuse, accusing the marchers of racism.

The Nalga branch secretary, Mr Richard Cotton, a housing management officer, said: "We thought it important to dissociate ourselves from the march and from anything that might increase tension".

Asked whether the abusive counter-demonstration was not itself likely to heighten tension, he replied: "I have not heard any of our members being abusive. We cannot be responsible for other people who may have joined our demonstration to support our point of view."

Those holding Nalga placards included an abusively

Jarrett son on knife charge

Michael Jarrett, aged 21, son of Mrs Cynthia Jarrett, whose death started the Tottenham riots on Sunday, appeared before Tottenham magistrates in north London yesterday.

Mr Jarrett, unemployed, of Thorpe Road, Tottenham, was charged with possessing a Stanley knife as an offensive weapon at a Wimpy bar in Wood Green High Road, on September 14. He elected trial and was remanded on unconditional bail to October 25 for committal.

A vociferous group of young black men and women and several people who had previously been selling *Socialist Worker* and *Militant*. Also among the group were two children of Mrs Cynthia Jarrett, the black woman whose death sparked the riots.

A strong contingent of police kept the rival demonstrations apart while jeering and fierce verbal abuse continued for nearly half an hour. The group with Nalga placards on the Civic Centre steps were of mixed races, while the marchers were predominantly, but not exclusively, white.

At one point a West Indian among the strikers raised a loud cheer by parading with a "Grant Out" placard held aloft.

Mr Grant arrived at the Civic Centre during the confrontation, to cheers from those on the steps. He said, referring to their counter-demonstration:

"This is a magnificent demonstration by the people who support democracy. I hope the Prime Minister is going to condemn these strikers for going on strike without a secret ballot". He refused to answer questions, or to meet the marchers' representatives.

The deputy leader of the council, Mr Steve King, read a statement on behalf of the Labour group above the din. He said: "The Labour group has always tried to work closely with trade unions in Haringey."

"The representations made to us today both from the meeting at Park View Depot and from other trade unions who were present at Civic Centre will be treated with the same seriousness and discussed fully and properly when the Labour group meets on Sunday."

"The group, including its leader, Councillor Bernie Grant, firmly believes that violence is not the solution to the problem of the Broadwater Farm Estate or other inner city areas, but that political initiatives are."

● In an interview published in *The Times* today Sir Kenneth Newman, speaking in the wake of the Tottenham riot, said that one result will be that more London officers will be trained in the use of CS gas and plastic bullets. Up to now the equipment has been used by only about 30 members of the special police firearms team D.11 but Sir Kenneth said other officers would probably have to be trained as well.

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Poly student suspended 'for his own safety'

A student accused of racism has been suspended for a month because his safety could not be guaranteed the acting director of the Polytechnic of North London, Dr John Beishon, said yesterday.

Representatives of the Students' Union complained to Dr Beishon about alleged racist activities by the student, Mr Phil Smart, who is believed to be a member of the British National Party, after racist leaflets and stickers appeared on notice boards at the polytechnic this week.

"Feelings are running very high among the students and I was also very concerned I could not guarantee his safety", Dr Beishon said, although Mr Smart, a first-year history student, had not been threatened or attacked. However, "in the light of recent events in North London, and pending disciplinary proceedings into the allegations, I have suspended him for a month."

Students say that Mr Smart, a mature student, wrote a British National Party notice on the cost and the leaflets pinned to the noticeboards are from the British National Party.

After interviewing Mr Smart, Dr Beishon said that in view of the evidence and the provisions of the disciplinary code he would interview the student again during the next 10 days.

Mr Smart is believed to have returned to his home in the north of England. He has the right to appeal to the Student Disciplinary Committee.

The disciplinary code was drawn up as a result of a year of disruption by students protesting against the presence of Mr Patrick Harrington, a student who was a member of the National Front. He left the polytechnic this year with a philosophy degree.

School governors have voted for the second time to dismiss the headmistress of Katesgrove Primary School in Reading, Berkshire. A disciplinary hearing has recommended the dismissal of Miss Margaret Channon, aged 47, who was suspended on full pay a month ago after 12 years at the school.

JPs want tough drug sentences

Magistrates called yesterday for tougher sentencing of drug traffickers, demanding that leniency should be shown "only in the most exceptional circumstances".

The Magistrates' Association, at its annual meeting at Guildhall, London, welcomed government plans announced this week to confiscate the assets of convicted drug peddlers.

Mr Michael Warren, an East Sussex JP, moving a motion urging courts to reflect the seriousness of the drug offences in sentencing decisions, said confiscation had "considerable teeth" and might even have a greater deterrent effect than imprisonment.

He condemned drug-trafficking as "destructive of civilized society" and a "major assault" on urban and rural life.

The association also backed a motion expressing concern at the policy of closing institutions for the care of mentally disturbed offenders and urging the Government to defer further closures until adequate alternative arrangements can be made.

Clubs keen to reopen TV talks on football

Football clubs faced with falling gates and threats of bankruptcy are enthusiastic about moves to reopen negotiations to televise the game.

The Football League said yesterday it hoped to renew talks with television companies "in the very near future" after the companies' announcement earlier this week that they were ready to discuss the league's proposals.

"While discussions continue, there is still hope we will see the game back on television before the end of the season," Mr Lee Walker, executive of the league's television negotiating committee, said.

The committee had been mandated by league clubs not to concede to live coverage of more than 10 matches and two Milk Cup semi-finals a season and to insist on a guaranteed amount of recorded coverage.

It is this split between live matches and recorded highlights, rather than money, that has been the stumbling block to the negotiations.

The 92 league clubs argue that last season's live coverage had reached "saturation point" and was deterring supporters from attending matches.

But as the clubs total up attendance figures for the first eight weeks of this season, they are beginning to count the cost of the lack of television

According to the league's figures, average attendance is down in every division but the fourth.

Gates to the end of last month were down by an average of 10.5 per cent in the first division, 8.7 per cent in the second division, 7.5 per cent in the third division, but up 6.8 per cent in the fourth division.

"The biggest cause for falling attendances has been the shame and tragedy that the Brussels and Bradford disasters have brought to the game," the league's assistant secretary, Mr Norman Thomas said.

But Mr Walker admitted that the controversy about television coverage was taking its toll on the game.

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Firm line on Elgin marbles

By David Hewson Arts Correspondent

The Government is to reject any attempt to return the Elgin marbles in its evidence to a UNESCO inquiry into the Greek claim to the treasures.

It will reaffirm previous British statements on the marbles, which were taken from the Parthenon at the beginning of the last century.

The Government's position is certain to infuriate Greece, where the Minister for Culture, Miss Melina Mercouri, has made the return of the sculptures a matter of national interest.

The Foreign Office has prepared an official answer to UNESCO in reply.

The case is seen within UNESCO as an important example of a claim for the return of cultural relics taken from their place of origin.

The British argue that Lord Elgin removed the items with the permission of the regime which then owned them, the Ottoman empire. The effects were bought from Lord Elgin by the State and then given to the British Museum trustees "in perpetuity".

Four for trial on fire charges

Three Iraqis and a Buckinghamshire businessman were remanded in custody and committed for trial yesterday by Eastleigh magistrates in Hampshire, charged in connection with a fire at Southampton airport, causing damage estimated at £488,700.

Desmond Hay, aged 40, of Church Lane, Westbury, near Slough, is also charged with attempting to prevent the course of justice. The Iraqis are Nazir Altai, aged 38, of Minister Court, London; W. S. Waid, Ahmed, aged 45, and Saad Muhammad, aged 37, who had no British address.

Surgery offer to Portuguese baby

A Portuguese baby, Catarina Gonçalves, aged 17 months, who suffers from a hole in the heart, has been flown to Britain after Mr Magdi Yacoub, the heart surgeon, and doctors at the National Heart Hospital in London offered treatment without charge.

The condition has caused slow growth and difficulty in eating.

Vauxhall return
Production resumed at Vauxhall Motors in Luton yesterday after a two-day strike by the Transport and General Workers' Union because a member had been disciplined.

Corrections
Mr Gerald Kaufman's name was omitted from the centre-right Solidarity group, slate of candidates for the Shadow Cabinet election published yesterday. One family in 10 of those now homeless was made up by mortgage default, not one in 10 of all families in Britain as implied in a report yesterday.

Decorative porcelain is popular

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Porcelain from the collection of Anita O'Keefe Young sold well in New York on Thursday as collectors, decorators and dealers decided that they loved her taste.

Winifred Williams, the London dealer, paid \$96,250 (estimate \$30,000-\$50,000) or £66,379 for a pair of Meissen pot-pourri vases encrusted with flowers and supported by guinea-fowl. They are mounted in Louis XV ormolu and *à la polie*.

Mrs Young's taste was decorative; her porcelains were not rare collectors' items but pretty things, mostly decorated with flowers and birds.

Bidders liked her Chelsea botanical plates. The first of a group of six Hans Sloane plates of about 1758 made \$11,000 (estimate \$2,500-\$3,500) or £7,586. The spray of puce and yellow flowers was slightly scratched but embellished by a ladybird and a brown beetle.

The prices went down after that but the cheapest was \$4,950 (estimate \$1,500-\$2,500) or £3,413 for a red dahlia attacked by a red caterpillar.

The rarest of the Hans Sloane pieces was an oblong dish of about 1755 painted with a large leaf, butterflies and insects which made only \$2,200 (estimate \$1,000-\$1,500) or £1,517.

Christie's had a more difficult time on Wednesday and Thursday with European ceramics and Chinese porcelain from the Devine collection. They fetched £225,189, with 16 per cent unsold. The top price was an unexpected \$17,600 (estimate \$1,600-\$2,000) or £12,138 for a German faience potich decorated with flowers.

In London a sale of continental pictures at Christie's made £416,610, with 21 per cent unsold.



Dominic McGlinchey (left) being led across the border by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

McGlinchey returned to republic to face charges

Dominic McGlinchey, aged 32, the reputed Irish National Liberation Army leader, was back in the Irish Republic last night for trial firearms charges.

His extradition for the second time followed the quashing of his conviction and life sentence for the murder of an elderly postmistress by the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal on Wednesday, and the withdrawal yesterday of an application by the Crown for leave to appeal to the House of Lords against the Court of Appeal decision.

Mr Ronald Appleton, QC, for the Crown, said that it was decided the court of appeal was not to raise any point of law of public importance.

McGlinchey had been held as a remand prisoner at the Crumlin Road jail, in Belfast, on Thursday and had taken only two steps to freedom, clutching his belongings in two brown paper sacks, when he was rearrested on an extradition warrant issued in the republic on May 18 last year.

He was ushered into a RUC Land-Rover, and driven 20

Graffiti dispute threatens 250 schools

From Peter Davenport Manchester

A message on a blackboard in the entrance hall of Poundwick High School yesterday summed up the confusion and disruption of the so-called graffiti dispute. It said: "We will let you know when things are normal and hope it will be as soon as possible".

But, after the failure of the latest attempt to find a solution no one yesterday, teachers, unions or council officials, could say when that will be. And the dispute that is keeping almost 100 pupils away from their desks at the Wythenshawe school now threatens to engulf 66,000 other children at the 250 schools in Manchester.

The issue that began as a local affair now has national prominence with the question of who controls authority and discipline within a school, the headmaster and his governors or local councillors.

The dispute began in June with the suspension of five boys after obscene slogans were found daubed, in letters one foot high, across 44 panels and 21 windows at the lower school. The school decided to expel the boys, but Labour councillors say the boys must be taken back by the school.

Both sides remain entrenched. The teachers, backed by their unions, refuse to have the boys back and the council says they must return.

Mr Keith Halstead, headmaster, and his governors remain convinced of the boys' involvement and stand by the decision to expel them. Labour councillors say that although at least four of the boys admitted writing some of the less offensive slogans there is no

Councillor Nick Harris, chairman of the education policy sub-committee who has been called in to negotiate a solution after talks between union leaders, education chiefs and councillors failed. The meeting was adjourned until next Wednesday.

The 2,700 members of the National Union of Teachers will now be balloted and urged by their leaders to stage a number of half-day strikes in support of suspended colleagues at the school.

The Secondary Heads Association has staged walkouts,

proof that they did anything more serious. A subcommittee of the education committee overturned the expulsion order saying it was too severe. Since then, almost 50 of Poundwick's teachers have been sent home in breach of contract or have gone on strike in support of colleagues. Head

KEY EVENTS IN SCHOOL CRISIS

June 21: Five pupils, aged between 15 and 16, are suspended by Mr Keith Halstead, the headmaster, after slogans containing obscene sexual references to teachers and their wives are found daubed on the school.

July 1: A meeting of school governors backs Mr Halstead and decides to expel the boys.

September 13: South Manchester district sub-committee of the education committee, which has full delegated council powers, meets. Interviews the boys and their parents and votes 4-2 in favour of sending the boys back to school. Those against were a Conservative councillor and a teacher representative. Those in favour were all Labour women councillors.

September 16: Staff return after summer break to find five boys back



at their desks. They refuse to teach them and receive warnings from the education department that they are in breach of contract.

September 17: Staff ask for the boys to be taught at other schools in the city.

September 24: Mr Gordon Hainsworth, the chief education officer meets staff and issues a warning that they will be sent home without pay unless they teach the boys.

September 25: Three teachers sent home without pay.

September 26: Six more sent home, 19 colleagues walk out in sympathy. Governors meet to express support for head and staff.

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Scientists near to finding origin of cystic fibrosis after gene is identified

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The first big advance in understanding the cause of cystic fibrosis is claimed by an international group of scientists. It is the most common inherited disorder among children in Britain, occurring in about one in 2,000 births.

The defect causes congestion of the lungs in a condition which shortens life to the late twenties. But the cause of the fault in the tissue of the lung has baffled doctors.

Scientists have been conducting collaborative research in London, Copenhagen, San Francisco, Boston and Toronto.

Professor Bob Williamson, head of one of the world's leading genetic research groups, at St Mary's Hospital, London, said yesterday that the optimism was because of a breakthrough by Dr Hans Eiderberg's team in Copenhagen, announced in Helsinki six weeks ago.

"Our ignorance about the cystic fibrosis gene and the faulty biochemistry had been virtually total. We did not even know which chromosome carried the defective gene," Professor Williamson said.

"With the gene probes and markers, we should know within a matter of weeks we should have mapped its whereabouts on the chromosome."

That would open the way for perfecting methods for diagnosis, as early as the tenth week of pregnancy, and for testing brothers and sisters who could be at risk as carriers.

Professor Williamson believed that, given the funds, the screening system could be developed in between two and three years. He was more cautious about the prospects of improving treatment to extend the life of patients. But he said that if the improvements in managing other genetic conditions, such as sickle cell anaemia, phenylketonuria and haemophilia, after their cause was understood, were examples, then progress in treatment should be possible in the long term.

Preliminary details of the discovery are reported in the latest issue of *Nature*.

They describe the identification of a gene responsible for the production by the body of a substance in the blood of cystic fibrosis sufferers, known as the enzyme *pancreatin*.

The isolation of the gene in Copenhagen was done with special material prepared by the St Mary's Hospital team. After Dr Eiderberg's finding, the group in Toronto identified another gene, unique to the cells of tissue from cystic fibrosis patients.

The discovery of these two "markers" should enable a diagnostic test to be perfected. They also provide the biochemical beacons that the scientists believe will allow them to isolate the defective gene responsible for cystic fibrosis.

When that is analysed and, hence, the reason understood for its instructions for harmful substances to be produced, corrective action to counteract the harmful effects might be possible.

Speaking for the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, financing Professor Williamson's work, Mrs Barbara Bentley, deputy director, said: "This is tremendous news for all our parents and supporters."

"There is a long way to go and there are still hurdles to overcome. But it is at last possible to look forward to the eventual conquering of this disease."

The advance in the genetics of cystic fibrosis is a reflection of immense progress now emerging with the development of gene probes for mapping the 40,000 genes in the chromosomes of every body cell.



Nancy Pliener, who specializes in sculpting ceramic surrounds for clocks using mythological beasts and plants, with an example of her work. She is exhibiting at Studio Ten and a Half in Hull from today. Mrs Pliener, aged 29, was a teacher before becoming a full-time sculptress two years ago (Photograph: Andrew Varley).

Rescue fund for Bernini sculpture is given £¼ m

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

A gift of £250,000 has been made to the rescue fund set up to keep in Britain the Bernini bust of dal Pozzo, the seventeenth-century Arch bishop of Pisa.

The work is priced at £2.3million, making it the world's most expensive sculpture, and is being sold by the Castle Howard estate, which hopes to keep the rest of its collection together through the sale to pay estate duties.

It is in the highest class of sculpture and the £3million being asked of the Victoria & Albert Museum, which wishes to buy it, is far less than could be achieved on the open market.

The National Art-Collections Fund, which is the chief private charity for assisting national art purchases, announced yesterday its £250,000 gift towards the museum's purchase fund.

The art-collections fund and its gift makes it more likely that the bust will stay in Britain. The NACF will also give £250,000 towards the attempt to raise £765,000 to buy a Tintoretto painting "Christ Washing the Disciples' Feet", on sale from St Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne, for the Tyne and Wear County Museums.

The local authority has already offered £100,000 of the cost of the purchase which, again, is thought to be well below market prices.

It is hoped by the family of the late Lord Howard of Henderskelfe, the former chairman of the BBC who owned Castle Howard, that the sale of the Bernini will solve the financial problems of the estate. It would also enhance the Victoria & Albert's collection of Italian sculpture which rivals any in Italy.

The Tintoretto was given to the cathedral in 1818 and measures more than five metres wide.

Non-smoker offers to pay cabby's fine

A London restaurateur who forbids smoking in his restaurants yesterday offered to pay a fine imposed on Mr Richard Carless, a taxi driver, for refusing to carry a pipe-smoking would-be passenger.

Mr Carless, of Curly Tye, Basildon, Essex, had been fined £20 by Uxbridge magistrates for breaking a Heathrow by-law; he appealed against conviction and sentence and on Thursday Southwark Crown Court increased his fine to £50.

The restaurateur, Mr Bob Peyton, who has restaurant interests in Barcelona and Paris as well as in the West End, said: "We anti-smokers have to stick together."

"I agree with Mr Carless and I would like to pay his fine for him. Our policy forbids pipe or cigar smoking in any of our restaurants."

"Because it is impossible to prevent cigarette smokers coming to the restaurants we have special sections. When customers arrive they are always asked if they want to smoke, but pipe smoking is completely out."

Farm inquest goes on after trial

An inquest on Mrs Sheila Caffell, her twin sons and adoptive parents was adjourned at Witham, Essex, yesterday until after the trial of the man accused of causing their deaths.

Dr Charles Clark, the Essex coroner, was told by Police Constable Norman Wright that an inquest had been opened and adjourned for two months at Braintree on August 14.

Jeremy Bamber, aged 24, Mrs Caffell's adoptive brother, was arrested on September 29 and charged with the killings at White House Farm, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, on August 6. Mr and Mrs Nevill Bamber, aged 62, and their grandsons, Nicholas and Daniel, aged six, were found with multiple gunshot wounds. Mrs Caffell, aged 27, had been shot twice through the head.

At the earlier inquest, Det Insp Robert Miller told the coroner that the deaths had been instantaneous, particularly of the boys, who had been killed while asleep.

Mr and Mrs Bamber had been shot by another person but in the case of Mrs Caffell it appears the wound had been inflicted by her own hands.

Payroll murderer loses appeal

A corporal who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder and robbery of an Army payroll team had his appeal against conviction dismissed yesterday.

The Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh rejected claims that there had been a miscarriage of justice. Lord Grieve, which had led to a possible miscarriage of justice.

Corporal Andrew Walker, aged 31, of The Royal Scots, was convicted unanimously in the High Court in May of murdering Staff Sergeant Terence Hosker, aged 39, retired major Mr David Cunningham, aged 56, and Private John Thomson, aged 25, with a sub-machine-gun, and stealing £19,000 from the payroll at Pennycook, Midlothian, on January 17.

The judge recommended he should serve a minimum of 30 years.

Mr Donald Macaulay, QC, for Walker, claimed the trial judge had indicated his own views that defence criticism of ballistic evidence concerning the murder weapon was "unconvincing".

Rejecting the appeal on both grounds, the court said there was no suggestion that the evidence was insufficient.

Oxford sets up Islamic study centre

From Our Correspondent
Oxford

Oxford is to have the first centre for Islamic studies to be established at a key Western university. Leading Muslim academic and political figures are in Oxford this weekend to approve the final arrangements.

The centre is being heralded as a potentially vital new link with Islamic countries which could advance diplomatic relations with the West and lead to closer economic and cultural ties.

Dr David Browning, fellow of St Cross College, has travelled thousands of miles during the past three years to help set up the centre. Among those who have agreed to be trustees are the former Prime Minister of Indonesia, Mr Muhammad Natsir, the ruler of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Sultan Muhammad al-Qassimi, and the secretary-general of the World Muslim League, Dr Abdullah Omer Nassef.

The centre, which will be run as a self-financing autonomous body, will keep close links with Oxford University. It will be based initially at St Cross College, and the president of Magdalen College, Dr K. H. Griffiths, will be on the board of trustees.

Probation for mother who tried to kill sons

A mother with suicidal tendencies who tried to kill her two children by drugging their Westalis was yesterday put on probation for two years.

Sharon Foster, aged 20, of Charlwood Street, Plumpton, south London, put six Anadin tablets in each of her son's bowls of cereal.

She later told the police she was pregnant and could not cope with a third child. She said: "I intended to kill myself and I couldn't leave them. There would be no one to look after them." Southwark Crown Court was told.

London, aged three, and Delanie, 18 months, were taken to Westminster Children's Hospital after the woman's boy friend called the police.

The court was told she had an abortion soon after her arrest and now has the custody of the two boys.

Bicycle and a painting for Benn

By Rupert Morris

Mr Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield, acquired a bicycle and a painting yesterday.

The bicycle was a revolutionary electric model, which he bought for £450 from the inventor, Mr David Stone, of Glemsford, Suffolk.

Mr Benn, who was Minister of Technology from 1966 to 1970, said he would use it to make calls in his Derbyshire constituency. The battery-powered machine is capable of 15mph and has been selected for the British stand at Expo '86 in Toronto.

The painting, an oil believed to be entitled "Moses", was left to him by his former nanny, Mrs Aemil Oestreich, of west London, who died in March when in her 90s.

Girl aged 16 denies sex consent

A girl aged 16 denied at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that she had agreed to have "leisurely sex" with several youths she did not know in a concrete garage on a freezing January morning.

She told the jury that she had been raped 10 to 15 times by the gang in Britain, south London; it was "completely untrue" that she consented to intercourse. She broke down in tears after being cross-examined for an hour and a half.

Seven unemployed Brixton youths, two aged 15, two 16, two 17 and one 18, deny raping the girl and her schoolfriend. Six of the accused deny indecent assault and the seventh admits that charge.

On Thursday, the schoolfriend, also aged 16, told the jury that she had been raped 30 times.

The tipster Princess



Mr George Stephens, a patient at St Joseph's Hospice in Hackney, east London, put £1 to win on a horse in the 3.15 at Hexham yesterday picked for him by the Princess of Wales.

The Princess, arrived at the hospice, met Mr Stephens, aged 56, from Barnet, north London, during her tour. He was deciding his bet.

"I'll make it out for you", she said, ringing a horse named Charles Duke.

The Princess, however, is not a reliable tipster. Charles Duke was misplaced.

Later in her tour she was presented with a book of poems written by a patient, Mrs Lydia Parsons, aged 78, from Hoddeston, Hertfordshire.

Several patients were told by the Princess how impressed she was with the hospice.

Jewellery trade improves

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The volume of jewellery sent to assay offices for hallmarking increased nearly 25 per cent in the third quarter, compared with the same period last year.

The assay offices, in London, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Sheffield, described the rise as "very encouraging", and there are indications that the trend will continue.

The number of jewellery pieces submitted for assay was 5.76 million. Gold jewellery was by far the most popular, with just over 4.86 million pieces sent, compared with 893,779 for silver and 2,348 in platinum.

Since 1980, jewellers have seen turnover increase at almost three times the rate of all retailers, and more than twice that of non-food sectors. According to Mintel, the retail consultants, turnover rose by 34 per cent.

Bats leave the belfry for a quiet life

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

A survey of churchyards by Women's Institute members has shown that bats do not live in belfries. They prefer church porches, which are further from the noise of the bells and harbour fewer cobwebs than belfries.

The survey of hundreds of the 20,000 British churchyards shows that bats are among the dwindling wild species that have made churchyards important wildlife refuges.

Miss Francesca Greenoak, whose book based on the survey results was published yesterday, writes that "in some counties changes in land use have turned churchyards into a last refuge for certain species, such as the Man Orchid in Suffolk, where it is now very rare."

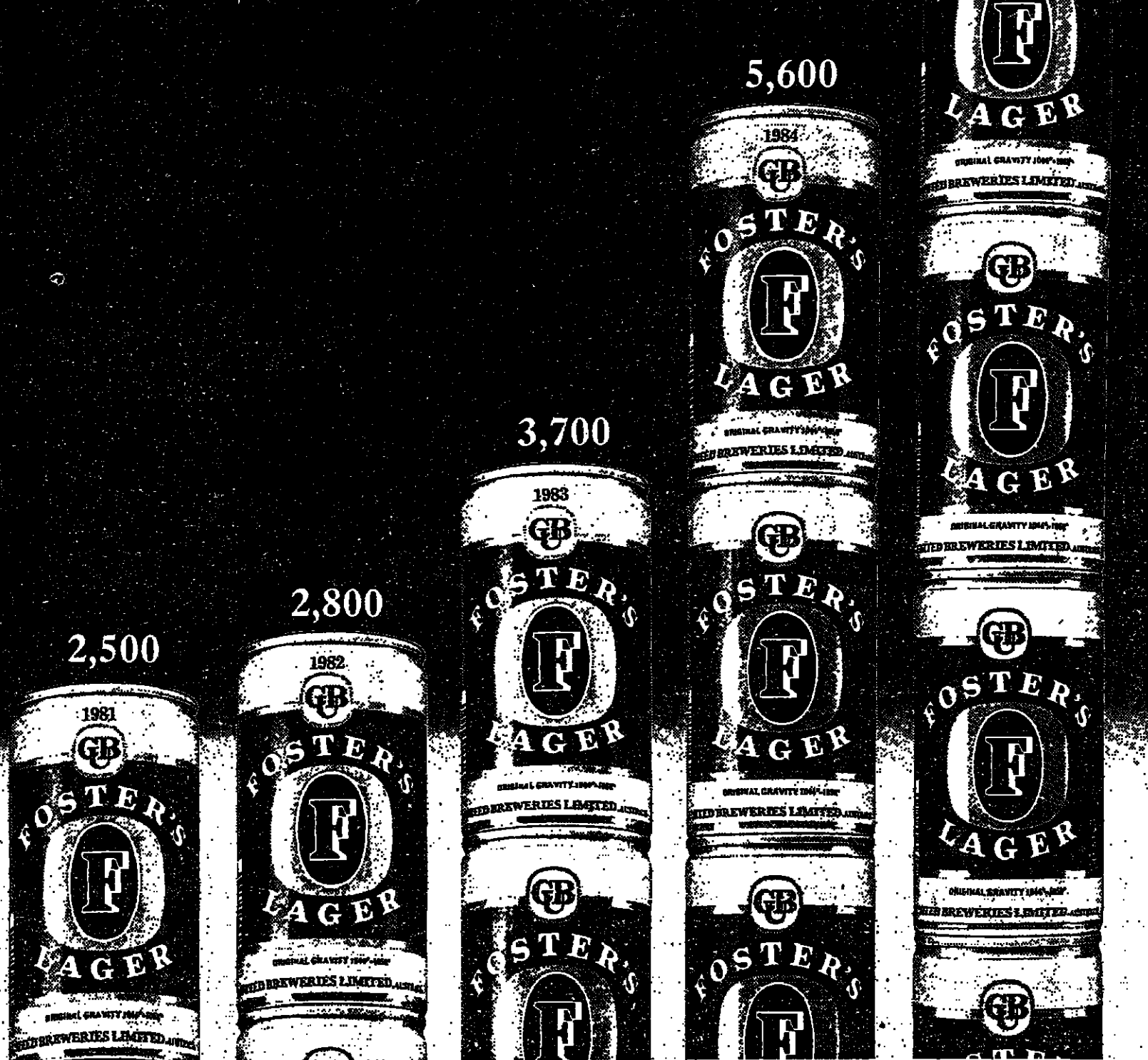
The Green-Winged Orchid, which used to grow in many meadows, is now increasingly confined to nature reserves and undisturbed spots such as churchyards. The importance of such places to the survival of wildlife will grow as more land is lost to suburban and industrial sprawl and to industrial farmland.

"In Suffolk and Norfolk the only safe havens for barn owls are in isolated rural churchyards," Miss Greenoak writes. "The vicar of St Trinity's, Crockham Hill in Kent claimed he could hear their owl snoring through his sermons."

In some churchyards efforts were being made to encourage wildlife. Nesting boxes were placed in some and others had areas of long grass set aside for butterflies.

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Responding to Mr Jeffrey Archer's appeal for party funds yesterday are Mr Leon Brittan, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Lord Whitelaw (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

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Peres jubilant • Reagan boycott threat • Passengers describe ordeal • How Tomcats were scrambled

Israelis salute US action as landmark in war on terror

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israel was jubilant yesterday about the capture of the four hijackers of the Achille Lauro, and for several different reasons.

One was admiration for the skill of the operation. "We congratulate you and the US Navy on the flawless implementation," Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, said in a telegram to President Reagan.

Another was satisfaction that the hijackers were to be brought to justice. "A major contribution to the international struggle against the double plague of cold-blooded murders and outright lies by both the perpetrators and their superiors," the message went on.

Most important of all was the belief that America had now firmly and irrevocably joined Israel in branding the Palestine Liberation Organization as nothing but a terrorist organization. "Your action is a landmark in the fight to eradicate terrorism, a shining example of your resolve," Mr Peres said.

The telegram sent to Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, underlined this. "We stand reassured by the evidence that we are together in the war against terrorism."

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister, also made this point forcefully in a news conference yesterday afternoon when he returned from Washington.

He had noticed, he said, that the hijack of the ship had brought American public opinion and, more importantly, Congress, round to the view that the PLO was responsible for the spate of terrorist activities.

The success of the Americans in capturing the hijackers, he

said, meant that the US should now be encouraged to take the lead in the struggle against terrorism.

But he was despairing of making Britain understand. There was enough evidence to show that the PLO was responsible for the recent terrorist attacks, he said, but he did not think it would be good enough to convince Britain.

He was therefore resigned to a visit to Britain next week by two PLO executive members, Mr Mohammed Milhem and Bishop Elias Khoury. "It seems to me that the British will not change their decision."

Israel was also dissatisfied with answers it received during the day from Egypt about the shooting of seven Israelis in the Sinai last weekend by an Egyptian.

The reply from Cairo said there had been no delay in getting quick medical treatment for the wounded people. This is at total variance with the evidence of Israeli witnesses of the tragedy and the postmortem reports, which show that five of those who were shot died to death for want of treatment.

The reply from Cairo about why President Mubarak had described the shooting as a minor incident which could have happened anywhere was also unsatisfactory to the Israelis.

The reply is regarded here as adding to what is seen as insensitivity, because President Mubarak is still refusing to apologize.

Both sides claim they do not want the affair to interfere with any attempt to thaw the "cold peace" between them, but it is becoming an obstacle to moves designed to re-build good relations.

UN anniversary dispute

Reagan boycott threat over Arafat invitation

From Zoriana Pysarsky, New York

Diplomatic efforts were under way yesterday to avert a clash between the United States and the United Nations over a proposal to invite Mr Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to take part in General Assembly proceedings commemorating the UN's 40th anniversary.

At risk is President Reagan's decision to address the Assembly on October 24. American officials have made clear that Mr Arafat's presence after it had earlier been agreed that only member and observer states at the UN would participate in the proceedings, would result in President Reagan cancelling his visit.

The grounding of the Boeing 737

Endless practice makes perfect for Tomcat crews from the Saratoga

By Rodney Cowton

The interception of the Boeing 737 will have given the crews of the American F14 Tomcats, an opportunity to carry out something which they endlessly practise.

Given that the Americans appear to have had precise information about the "target" aircraft, the process of interception will not have been difficult.

The flight of the airliner will have been monitored probably from the moment it took off by radar, including those about the two E2C Hawkeye surveillance aircraft which took off from the carrier Saratoga before the Tomcats.

The Hawkeye has radar capable of tracking hundreds of targets at up to 300 miles away, and can simultaneously direct and control 20 to 30 interceptions by aircraft such as the Tomcats.

The Tomcat's own radar can pick up targets 200 miles away and can track at least 24 targets

simultaneously. One of the chief roles of the Tomcats in war is to protect the American carrier battle groups against unpredictable enemy aircraft attacks. Locating the aircraft with the hijackers, aboard will therefore have been no problem, particularly if, as seems to have been the case, it was in communication with civil air traffic control.

Tomcats are capable of flying at more than twice the speed of sound, but it is unlikely that the interception will have required much high speed activity. The speed of the airliner will have comfortably matched the Tomcats' cruising speed of 400-500 mph.

With external fuel tanks the Tomcats are believed to have a maximum range of about 2,000 miles, but the effective range would depend on what weapons the aircraft were carrying. It seems the operation lasted about 2½ hours, and may have



United States military police on alert at Sigonella, Sicily, where the plane landed; Mr Caspar Weinberger, Defence Secretary (left), at a Pentagon briefing yesterday; the Saratoga (centre), mother ship of the intercepting fighters; and Abu Abbas, head of the Palestine Liberation Front.

Gunmen's victim

Witnesses tell how hostage died

Zurich (Reuters) - Swiss hostages released from the Achille Lauro yesterday gave a grisly account of the killing of the American passenger Leon Klinghoffer, saying fellow passengers had been ordered to throw his body overboard.

Fourteen Swiss nationals flew to Zurich from Egypt after disembarking from the Italian liner.

They told the Swiss news agency SDA they had heard shots soon after Klinghoffer, aged 69, was pushed in his wheelchair out of the ship's dining room.

"Then one of the terrorists, with bloodstained shoes and trousers, came back into the dining room and ordered two passengers to throw the body of Klinghoffer over the side," the agency quoted passenger Rene Sprecher as saying.

She said the hijackers had fired wildly with machine pistols, wounding two people, when they burst into the ship's dining room during lunch on Monday.

"It took a long time before a doctor could look after the passengers who had been hit," another passenger told SDA.

American fury at London visit

PLO leaders due on Monday

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

murder of an elderly American passenger has revived the image of the PLO as an organization dedicated to violence - even though the hijackers' exact relationship to the PLO is unclear.

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Both men became members of the PLO 15-man executive committee last November.

The Foreign Secretary yesterday applauded the US's seizure of the four hijackers of the Achille Lauro. It was important, he said, that the hijacking was taken against "this particularly wanton act of terrorism which must surely be in the interests of the whole world," he added.

International law normally only permitted a country to divert aircraft flying over its territory if the aircraft did not have that country's authorization, an international law expert said last night.

Professor Rosalyn Higgins, who teaches international law at the London School of Economics, said it seemed the US had taken the law into its own hands. "It is hard to see that the actions of the American Government were lawful actions," she said.

Referring to the takeover of the ship, Professor Higgins said: "This is not a case of piracy at sea as it is when one ship takes over another ship for private gain. In this case, murder and plunder has occurred aboard a ship."

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German president leaves with Holocaust message

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The first West German head of state to visit Israel left yesterday with two clear messages: Israelis will only forgive Germany for the Holocaust if it is never forgotten. And Israel will find it very difficult to forgive West Germany if it goes ahead with a deal to build a \$3.5 billion (2.4 billion) arms and munitions factory in Saudi Arabia.

The President seemed almost envious of this patriotism but tried to explain the difference. "Our own problem in Germany is that we provided the young generation with a country built on the ruins of the Nazi regime in which there is a high standard of living and a free democratic system," he said.

"But the young people in Germany want more than that. They want ideals and new content."

There was much less frankness in talks about the arms deal. The President told his hosts that he did understand Israel's security needs and that his country would exercise restraint in sales. His views were echoed by Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, who accompanied the President in Germany. Herr Genscher said, Bonn would accept it only after studying the security needs of the area.

He refused categorically to stop West Germany building its 40 per cent share of the Tornado fighter aircraft being sold to Saudi Arabia under the recent contract won by Britain.

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Washington explains why President ordered interception of plane

Washington (Reuters) - The following is the text of a statement on Thursday night by the White House spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes, on the US operation to intercept the hijackers:

At the President's direction, US military forces intercepted an aircraft that was transporting the Achille Lauro terrorists. The aircraft was diverted to the airport at Sigonella, Italy. In co-operation with the Government of Italy, the terrorists were then taken into Italian custody for appropriate legal proceedings.

Earlier today, upon learning that the terrorists would be flown from Egypt to their freedom, the President directed that US forces intercept the aircraft and escort it to a location where the terrorists could be apprehended by those with appropriate jurisdiction.

US F14 aircraft, flying from the carrier Saratoga, detected the aircraft in international airspace and intercepted it. They instructed it to

follow them and escorted it to the military airport at Sigonella, Italy. This operation was conducted without firing a shot. The aircraft landed with Italian consent and was surrounded by American and Italian troops. The terrorists aboard were taken into custody by Italian authorities. The Egyptian aircraft, with its crew and other personnel on board, is returning to Egypt.

We have been assured by the Government of Italy that the terrorists will be subject to full due process of law. For our part, we intend to pursue prompt extradition to the United States of those involved in the crime. This action affirms our determination to see that terrorists are apprehended, prosecuted and punished.

This episode also reflects our close co-operation with an exemplary ally and close friend - Italy - in combating international terrorism. The American Government and people are grateful to Prime Minister Craxi, his Government and the Italian people for their help.

We are also grateful to the

Government of Tunisia for its refusal to permit the aircraft transporting the terrorists to land in Tunisia.

Finally, we must at this point note our gratitude to the Government of Egypt for its efforts to end this dangerous crisis without additional loss of life. We strongly disagree with the disposition of the terrorists. From the onset, the United States Government made clear to all the governments involved our firm opposition to negotiations with the terrorists or concessions to them. We also made clear our expectation that the terrorists would be brought to justice.

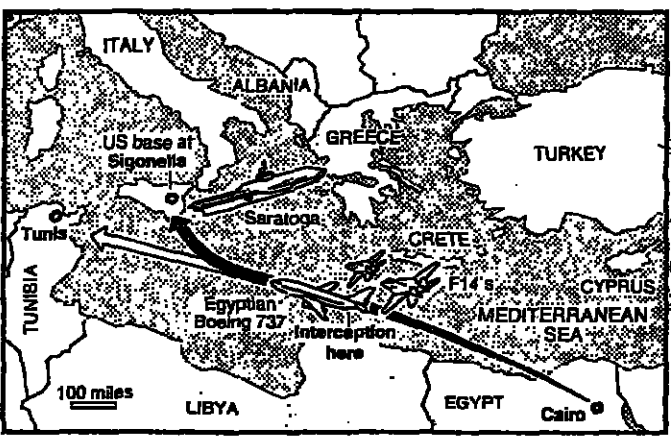
We were therefore deeply distressed to learn that those responsible for the death of Leon Klinghoffer might be permitted to go free. We said yesterday we were determined to see justice done and that we would use every appropriate means to that end.

The decision on ending the hijacking was an independent one

by the Government of Egypt. When we were consulted, we advised strongly against any arrangements which would permit the terrorists to escape justice. Since the time the terrorists were taken off the ship, we have continued intensive contacts with the Government of Egypt to pursue that point.

The United States wants to emphasize the fundamental and durable interests that the United States and Egypt share, interests which transcend this difficult incident.

In closing, the President wants to emphasize once again that the international scourge of terrorism can only be stamped out if each member of the community of civilized nations meets its responsibility squarely - passing up no opportunity to apprehend, prosecute and punish terrorists wherever they may be found. We cannot tolerate terrorism in any form. We will continue to take every appropriate measure available to us to deal with these dastardly deeds.



Queen hears Belize plea for soldiers to stay

Belize City (Reuters) - The Queen, touring the only Commonwealth state she had never visited, has been positively but firmly reminded by the Prime Minister of Belize that it relies on British troops for its security.

The Queen held out no pledge of a continued British military presence when she responded in a state dinner speech, but instead emphasized the growing role of British-trained local troops.

The 1,600-man British force, including 680 Marines, is here to defend the former British Honduras - the only English-speaking state in Central America - against any move by Guatemala, which has territorial claims.

Mr Manuel Esquivel, the Prime Minister, made his thinly veiled plea for a continued British military presence in a speech to the Queen in the Belize parliament.

The Queen said in her speech later: "I have been glad to find... British troops working

alongside the Belize defence force, which may be small in numbers but is rapidly growing into a dedicated and efficient deterrent against external aggression. It is heartening to find that the British troops are so warmly regarded here and I look forward to meeting them."

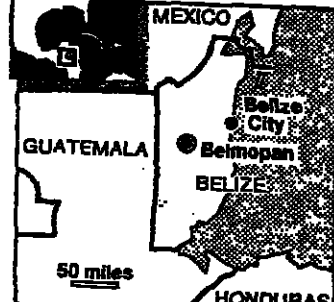
During a state dinner, the Queen appeared to pick at her food, and roast rodent may have been the reason.

One delicacy served was roast gibbon, a long-legged rodent not unlike a rat.

Libya deal with Moscow

Moscow (Reuters) - The Libyan leader, Colonel Gaddafi, and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev agreed yesterday on a long-term economic accord, but communiques made no mention of an expected friendship treaty.

Colonel Gaddafi arrived here on Thursday to a red-carpet welcome on his first official visit for more than four years. Diplomats had expected him to finalize a friendship treaty to which the two countries pledged themselves in 1983.



Salvador rebels kill 40 in night raid on army recruits

La Union, El Salvador (NYT) - Left-wing guerrillas killed at least 40 Salvadoran soldiers and wounded 68 in a pre-dawn raid on the main training base for government recruits near this coastal town.

It was the most damaging action against government forces this year and one of the largest attacks in the last year and a half. It suggested that the guerrillas still have the ability to carry out well-planned hit-and-run actions at a time when their military fortunes have otherwise seemed to be slipping.

Despite warnings of possible rebel attack, security at the base appears to have been lax. Guerrilla squads penetrated the perimeter before dawn on Thursday and dropped grenades into barracks of sleeping troops, according to three different accounts by soldiers. From about 100 yards away, other rebels fired rifles, RPG rockets, and mortars point-blank into the barracks.

Five American military advisers were at the base, according to Mr James Williams, a spokesman for the US Embassy. None of the Americans was hurt, he said, adding that he "BELIEVED" the advisers had not taken part in the fighting.

Although army officials contended that their soldiers died fighting, interviews with more than a dozen dead recruits indicated that most were blown out of their beds. Almost all the dead were aged 17 to 18 and had less than four weeks training, according to Lieutenant Colonel Joaquín Cerna Flores, commander of the 2,000-man base, 110 miles east of San Salvador.

Ten guerrillas were also killed in the attack, which began with a volley of rocket fire at 1.30. Colonel Cerna said. No rebels were captured, he added. Other soldiers said, however, that at least two guerrillas had been taken prisoner.

Some soldiers complained

that their sentries had failed to warn of the attack or hold off the rebels. One recruit, who said he had been in the Army for four weeks, explained how he had been taken from his bed, fired at as he rushed on his barracks and then covered in a hole during the rest of the attack.

Asked why he had not kept firing, the recruit answered that he had only a handful of bullets and did not know how to feed individual rounds into his automatic rifle.

The attack was a sharp reminder that the country remains very much at war. Guerrilla attacks on public transport and sabotage of electrical installations are a daily occurrence and the hopes for peace encouraged by talks almost a year ago are becoming a distant memory.

The rebel raid, Venceremos, said the attack was launched to mark the fifth anniversary of the founding of the rebel Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front. In a communiqué, the guerrilla general command claimed its forces had killed or wounded 200 soldiers and declared that the eastern half of the country was "a zone of war where there will not be peace for our enemies".

● **SAN SALVADOR:** The kidnappers of President Duarte's daughter have warned him that failure to meet their demands can only delay her release (Reuters reports).

In the third emotional radio contact between Señor Duarte and the kidnappers, the guerrillas refused to include the fate of 23 town mayors they are holding in the negotiations.

The President has been insisting that the guerrillas free the mayors, taken from their towns in the past five months, along with his daughter, Señora Inés Guadalupe Duarte Durán, and her friend, Señora Ana Cecilia Villalón, in exchange for 25 rebels in government jails.

Opening surprise by Karpov

Moscow - The fourteenth game in the world chess championship between Anatoly Karpov and Gary Kasparov was drawn on Thursday after a keenly contested and innovative game (Raymond Keene writes).

In the opening, a Taimanov variation of the Sicilian Defence, as in game 12, Karpov sidestepped the challenger's preparation with his fifth move. The champion then introduced an entirely new sixth move of his own 6 P-KN4. This gained space on the king's wing but also created future long-term defects in white's pawn structure. But by means of expert simplification the champion avoided all difficulties.

Fourteenth game
White Karpov, Black Kasparov,
Sicilian Defence

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Bush on Peking mission to reinforce China links

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Vice-President George Bush arrives in Peking tomorrow for talks on Sino-American commerce, arms control and nuclear cooperation issues, and the guerrilla wars in Afghanistan and Cambodia.

He will discuss the latest Soviet arms control proposals, and will emphasize that the US wants the Soviet Union to dismantle its intermediate-range missiles and not merely transfer them to Soviet Asia for targeting on China, Japan and other Asian countries.

The six-day tour reciprocates the state visit to Washington earlier this year by President Li Xianmin of China. It is aimed at helping to make the US-China relationship stable and enduring.

Among issues likely to come up is a controversial 30-year US-China nuclear pact, negotiated by the Reagan Administration, under which US firms could sell nuclear power technology to China.

Mr Bush will meet the American Chamber of Commerce and inspect a Jeep

Rural fears on Brazil land reform

From Susan Branford São Paulo

After successive delays, President Sarney of Brazil has signed the Agrarian Reform Bill. It has not been well received by the rural unions, which are claiming that the Government has given in to pressure from the landowners.

The Bill retains the overall target of distributing land to 1.6 million families by the end of 1990, but introduces an entirely new sixth move of his own 6 P-KN4. This gained space on the king's wing but also created future long-term defects in white's pawn structure. But by means of expert simplification the champion avoided all difficulties.

But the unions are disappointed the plan does not specify the areas to be expropriated. The Government says this will be left to later in the year, when regional plans will be formulated. The unions believe this makes it likely that the plan will lack punch.

They also are critical of the Government's eleventh-hour decision, apparently under pressure from the landowners, to exclude certain categories of large estates.

Because of what they see as serious deficiencies, leaders of Brazil's landless peasant movement have said they will be urging their members from the beginning of November to occupy large, unproductive estates.

They say they have decided on this risky course of action because, despite all its promises, Brazil's democratic Government, which has been in power for six months, is not carrying out a rapid and radical programme of land reform.

Long Distance Form

Mark Lawson looks at EastEnders

"Diversity and vitality... humorous and lively... will provoke discussion at home and work", promised the BBC of its twice-weekly soap opera *EastEnders* at its launch in February of this year. After measuring the first two episodes against the wording of that guarantee, I dispute all of the adjectives and most of the nouns and then stopped watching. Now I come before you as a convert. Episodes 64 to 68, which climaxed in the revelation of the father of the schoolgirl Michelle Fowler's unborn child, fitted the original description. They were diverse and vital, humorous and lively, and must have provoked much discussion.

EastEnders is selling well, currently claimed to average around 14m viewers per episode. But what exactly is the product on offer and is the series the originally promised "Soap opera for the 1980s"?

The location - Albert Square, in the fictional East London borough of Walford - was always easy to place on the map: right past the Crossroads motel and carry on up Coronation Street. As in the parent programmes, the characters were also "characters" in the colloquial sense: Ethel a pensioner with a funny, furry hat and a similar dog, and Lou, a fearsome matriarch, were the kind of women traditionally featured in long-running soap operas.

It is in characterization that *EastEnders* has most noticeably matured. At the start the cast were like men and women in a famous set of children's stories, pinned to

a single characteristic: Mr Grumpy, Mr Lethy-Feet, Ms Feminist-Efficiency, Master Truculence. Now the writers and actors allow for facets and irrationality. The three generations of women in the Fowler family (widow, working mother, schoolgirl) are distinguished by language and mannerism to give the feel of real lives.

It is easy to mock what is said in *EastEnders* - recently a man who was "no spring chicken" confessed to feeling "pleased as punch" - but, beyond the clichés, which are anyway a necessary part of realistic speech, there is some fine phrase-making. The pregnant Michelle complained of being treated as "a problem that has to be solved, like a bunged-up sink", which neatly expresses the stressing of expediency over emotion.

The success of *EastEnders* is evidence of how restrictive and anti-innovative the traditions of television are. For all its brave claims to be a post-recession soap opera, the series is really old whines in new bottles, playing safe as the ratings dictate that it must. Albert Square is East London's Ilyria of no real problems; while its residents planned an harmonious carnival, real-life Inner London was erupting in riots. A 16-year-old schoolgirl became pregnant (a controversial plot development) but her decision to keep the child, made against the pro-abortion pressure of her elders, reaffirms traditional morality while posing as a victory for youthful instinct over age. The foot held over the cliff-edge is anchored by hands fixed firmly to the fence.

Radio Familiar misfortunes

The Family (Radio 4, Tuesdays, 7.30-8.30pm), producer Sally Thompson is living up to expectation - identifying with some precision a selection of the myriad experiences that shape us as babies, young children and - next week - as adolescents to make us what we irreversibly become. But I think it may not be intending to include many of the kind of influences featured in the edition of File on 4 (producer Max Easternman) which last Tuesday immediately preceded it. This was a report by Stuart Simon on the prevalence and nature of the sexual abuse of children.

It was a shocking but by no means a sensational programme which, as it happened, most simply expanded on a news story in *The Times* last Wednesday ("Child sexual abuse 'now at epidemic proportions'"). Its strength lay to a great extent in Mr Simon's level tone no matter what new shame he was unveiling. He maintained a tone which was detached but not distant and which must have done much to persuade his subjects to talk as freely as they did.

The programme also gained by working on a broad canvas and not shrinking from the truly dreadful: one instance was a child whose step-father, step-uncle and step-grandfather inflicted on her, when she was between four and six, oral, anal and vaginal intercourse. They worked as a trio. Another was the man who copulated with his wife and then with his daughter one after the other in the same bed. And yet it seems to have been a considerable time before the wife realized or could bring herself to admit what was going on. This, we heard, is not uncommon response, an unwillingness to bring the matter into the open, and it was expressed in one case by the feeling that, if there had to be infidelities, it was maybe better to keep them in the family. And yet the damage is terrible.

The girls who spoke were psychologically scarred but the suffering is not all on the victims' side and to make this understandable added yet more weight to an exceptional report.

Weight is also a feature of Radio 3's *The Star Wars History* (Sundays; producer Anne Winder) in which Michael Charlton, upheld by that immense authority which on less serious occasions can some-

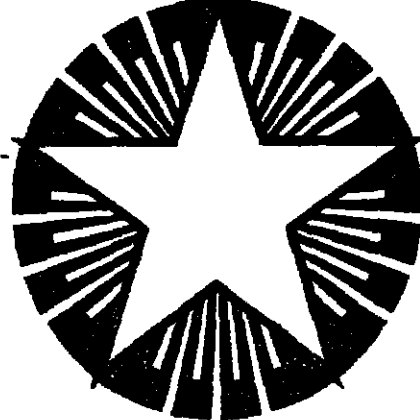
times seem a shade oppressive, is talking to a number of eminent politicians and soldiers - mostly American - about the succession of events that has led President Reagan to announce his Strategic Defence Initiative. Mr Charlton is giving his listeners many useful insights into the strings that manipulate the actors in the unending rivalry of East and West: how the American view - reinforced by years of misapplied psychology - that conflict is unnatural evokes the feeling amounting to certainty that opponents of democracy must be by their very nature evil. In turn this "certainty" makes it hard to accept the idea of détente since that involves compromise with evil.

All in all these programmes - there are still four to come - are beginning to create an understanding of why the process of arms control, which to the layman looks like a simple matter of goodwill and common sense, is so immeasurably tangled and recalcitrant.

It could be luck, it could be judgement, which has placed *US-UK* (Radio 4, last Thursday) and next, producer Julie Simmons) to coincide with the deliberations of Professor Peacock. Russell Davies has been collecting actuality and interview on how the three great American television networks devise and sell their schedules. Things have come a little way since the Ford Motor Company with staggering arrogance could insist that the Chrysler Building (representing the unacceptable competition) be sprayed out of the New York skyline in some programme it was sponsoring. Individual companies can no longer call the tune to that extent.

If an advertiser does not like his placing, someone else is waiting to snap it up. But advertising as a whole does call the tune, making sure that US television prime time is filled from end to end with stuff amongst which *Cagney and Lacey* is a matter for congratulation. Or, as we heard, self-congratulation by CBS. This is what the most audience wants and advertising wants the mass audience. There is no place on the US networks, we were told, for the likes of Ibsen, Brecht, O'Casey, Strindberg. If that is your taste, said one contributor, "move to England and watch the BBC".

David Wade



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Susan Tully as Michelle Fowler - a date on the calendar?

But I cannot stop watching. This week, I received a copy of the *Coronation Street* Silver Jubilee Calendar. Most days are marked with a famous fictional fact (Jan 27 - Valerie Barlow electrocuted, 1971; Feb 8 - Eddie Yeats stole Mike Baldwin's flat key, 1982). I would not bet against *EastEnders* reaching a similar celebration of its own: Oct 3 - Michelle tells Den the child is his, 1985.

Last night's television

A peep at the politicians' medicine cabinet

Well Being (Channel 4) managed to extract a little novelty from the faded idea of "health and fitness" by examining the medical record of politicians.

How interesting to learn, for example, that President Reagan has an allergy to feathers and that Jimmy Carter has similar problems with Swiss cheese: a bird with Edam in its beak might have wiped out a generation of American leaders. But it seems that English politicians are also susceptible to life's little problems, and one former MP (who is also a doctor) intimated that many of his colleagues had suffered from unspecified mental disorders.

Some purblind puritans might suggest that such an interest in the health of those who govern us is itself unhealthy, and simply a higher form of gossip, but the matter was put in its proper perspective when it was claimed that "some of the most important decisions of this century have been taken by sick men".

The stimulant which Hitler took was clearly not to the world's advantage and Eden,

Peter Ackroyd

Theatre The mother of curious conventions



Joan Plowright and Robin Bailey

Mrs Warren's Profession

Lyttelton

As nobody knew better than Shaw, no aspirant playwright of the 1890s could have shot himself in the foot with surer aim than in offering the carriage trade an evening's instruction in the business of prostitution. For future audiences, too, he did himself no good by calling Mrs Warren's Profession a "blue-book" piece and recommending it as if to an LSE public.

It is always a shock to re-encounter the piece itself and discover it to be so much more complex, personal, funny and craftsmanlike than the arid, argumentative conversation piece that lodges in the memory. In fact, the combat between the sentimental old brothel-keeper and her cold-blooded feminist daughter occupies only two scenes.

Otherwise, the theme of tainted money is pursued in terms of an intricate poisoned comedy involving Shaw's own flight from sexual bondage into liberated work, and underscoring the public arguments with a quality of obsessed personal horror that helps to explain why he embarked on such a professionally suicidal subject.

Anthony Page's production brings all this material into precise and full-blooded expression, demonstrating that, just as there are no heroes and villains in Shaw, neither are there any small parts. One of its great pleasures is to witness the arrival of Mrs Warren's court and watch each incoming figure establishing his credentials.

First on the scene is the artful Praed, whom Robin Bailey marks down as a dissipated adolescent with every dissipated comment on the absurd conventions of the past, and who recoils from Vivie into stupefied silence as he tries to muster some gallant response to this go-getting Cambridge high-flyer. John Savident's Crofts arrives, favouring her with a bulldog leer before suffering her crushing handshake.

Mark Payton's Frank likewise telegraphs a simultaneous sense of parasitic charm, and formid-

able self-knowledge. As for Nicholas Selby's performance of his clerical father, you can see through the sanctimonious mask to the defeated ex-man-about-town well before the secret of his letters to Mrs Warren comes to light.

As the evening develops, the running status battle between Mr Payton and Mr Selby is one of the main joys of the comedy; particularly as it is based on mutual affection and, for once, Shaw himself finds a soft spot for a pair of loungers with no business in the world.

The main surprise in the evening is that it reveals Vivie - technically the heroine and temperamentally the most Shavian figure - as the least sympathetic character. In the opening scene with Praed, Jessica Turner pugilistically rams home the argument that poverty is unnecessary if only people had the guts to look for work: thus giving Jeffrey Archer an unlooked-for feminist ally. The build-up to her first clash with her mother exerts its usual appeal. The combat between this cigar-smoking mathematician and a conventional maternal bully is irresistible and you want her to win.

The battle, however, is over

very quickly, and your sympathy for her is nothing compared with the feelings Joan Plowright arouses in talking about her early years and the means she took for escaping the white lead factory.

Where Vivie is concerned, the play shows her being gradually engulfed in a swamp of poisonous attachments. She has no difficulty in defying her mother. But by degrees everyone else on the stage becomes a part of the same conspiracy to imprison and taint her.

She has no alternative but to uproot herself from this society altogether; but, at the expense of becoming what Shaw, in a supreme insult, called a "private person". As Miss Turner plays it, her survival is an ugly sight.

Joan Plowright's Mrs Warren is everything that Vivie is not: sentimental, vulgar, warm-hearted, and experienced. She does not, however, communicate the idea that mother and daughter are two of a kind in their need for work. Nor does she come over as a sexual specialist. You can imagine her behind the bar, or belting out a music-hall chorus; but not superintending elegant bordellos in Brussels and Budapest.

Otherwise, the production is as beautifully focused an example of Shavian playing as I have seen for many a day. Further clarified by Patrick Robertson's use of naturalistic inset stages backing on to a series of enlarged photographic cycloramas.

Irving Wardle

Concert

LSO/Boulez Barbican/Radio 3

You never know what to expect from Pierre Boulez's conducting, which can be anything from extremely penetrating to totally superficial, often in the same performance. Both the works in this instalment of the *Mahler, Vienna and the Twentieth Century* series suffered in this way. To use a cricketing analogy, Boulez seemed unable to find a consistent line and length, to an extent that seemed almost wilful.

For all its song-cycle design and language, Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde* encompasses as extreme a range of moods as do any of the Symphonies. Boulez sounded far more on terms with some of these than with others; the opening *Trinklied vom Jammern der Erde*, for instance, had a hard-edged scything ferocity wholly suited to the music, and Boulez's hyper-acute ear brought out some deliciously unfamiliar detail in the inner parts in *Von der Jugend*. The other side of things was all too comprehensively summed up in the exquisite coda to *Von der Schönheit*: it is impossible to understand how a musician of Boulez's intelligence can allow himself this kind of cavalier insensitivity.

Der Abschied started out in similar fashion, but fortunately and unexpectedly improved a good deal as the movement's great spaces gradually opened out; a quickish tempo brought out an unusual and interesting side of the central funeral march, and the yearning lyrical

beauty of the long paragraphs at *Ich schne mich und Die liebe Erde* was allowed to come across strongly.

The orchestra's contribution was similarly variable; the strings, for once, played with refreshing lightness, but the necessary degree of instinctive sensitivity seemed to desert the woodwind on all but a few occasions.

The two singers seemed to react to Boulez's uneven accompanying very differently. Walter Raffeiner's approach to the tenor songs was almost totally unconvincing - much operatic heaving and straining, and an almost non-existent sense of the appropriate kind of line (Mahler's rhythmic notation implies freedom, but not to that extent). Perhaps because she is herself a remarkable operatic talent, Hanna Schwarz seemed also to understand the character of this most anti-operatic of works. She has a voice of wonderful richness which is also equal to Mahler's demands in the upper register, more consistently gently floated tone would have been in order - as in *Ich suche Ruhe*, marvellously done here - but her phrasing was idiomatic and unaffected.

Earlier, Schoenberg's *Verklarte Nacht* made an effective upbeat to the Mahler. Boulez's abrupt gear-changing in the more complex sections turned out to be a legitimate way of clarifying the parting and apart from the odd crisis of intonation, the orchestra's string section played with agreeable clarity.

Malcolm Hayes

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Blessed trinity?

A team containing three cricketers, a clergyman is flying to India later this month to take on the full Indian Test team in three matches. The organization Christians in Sport describes the tour as cricket's "first missionary journey". The team's chief hope must lie in the hands of the Rev Andrew Wingfield Digby, a renowned cricketer, former Dorset who once bowled Eddie Barlow for a king duck and had Viv Richards with the only ball he ever bowled to him. Other members of the party include Jack Bond, the Lancashire manager, who goes as coach, Peter Roebuck, Somerset's new captain, Vic Marks, his county colleague, Simon Hughes of Middlesex and Roger Knight, the former Surrey captain. Wingfield Digby says the team will "play cricket in a fair and sportsmanlike fashion with due regard to the etiquette of the game, and play to win." The Indians must be ground into the dust charitably.

Out, out

It is a little-known fact that Shakespeare included cricketing scenes in his plays. Alan Hewitt writes to tell me of the noteworthy cricketing sequence in *King Lear*, in Act I, scene v. Lear exclaims "How's that?" (the appeal, of course, follows the earlier dismissal of Kent). I am offering a *Times* fiver for other examples of pre-crick cricketing literature.

Winged tie

The British Trust for Ornithology, stung by the impressive cricketing/birding achievements of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds XI, have fought back with on-pitch sightings of a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Tawny and Little Owl, Hobby, and a connoisseur's flock of Crossbills. In the highly-charged series of matches between the two organizations, the score stands at two each. The RSPB's unauthenticated story of a fielder catching a swallow when going for the ball has substance, I learn. George Coatsworth, fielding in the slips for Easingwold in the 1920s, was the man who did it.

● The Metropolitan Police football team cancelled their match in the Vauxhall-Oxel (née Isthamian) League last week. Not for such normal, boring reasons as a waterlogged pitch. They cried off because of the Tottenham riots.

Mersey bridge

Liverpool still has a football team playing in Europe - Ford Motors of the North West Counties League, whose members are drawn from the company's Halewood plant. Last season the team won the Ford European Cup, a competition for Ford works teams throughout Europe. They beat Ghent in Brussels, 1-0. Then followed the horrors of the real European Cup Final in Brussels, at the match between Liverpool and Juventus of Italy. Ford of Merseyside thought they would be thrown out of this year's competition, particularly as they were drawn in the first round against an Italian team, in Rome. After long discussions the game went ahead but was switched to Liverpool, where the Italians went down 7-0. Ford secretary John Pilkington said: "We kept a very low profile and didn't publicize the match. The Italians really enjoyed themselves, and said they had never played against a friendlier bunch of people."

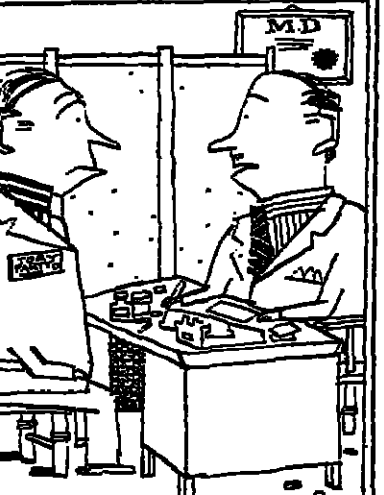
Billy laugh

All Is Revealed is a racehorse who loves his pet goat, Billy. Billy is essential to the horse's calmness and wellbeing. In fact All Is Revealed would prefer it if Billy could go racing with him, but his trainer, David Thom, keeps Billy at home for fear of frightening other horses. Thom, however, found a masterful solution at Ascot recently when All Is Revealed got into a nervous state and refused to enter his saddling box. He calmed him down instantly by playing a tape of Billy's bleating. Witnesses refused to believe it was really a goat they were listening to; they said it sounded more like Willie Carson laughing.

Full stretch

Football clubs have to watch every penny these days. Wealdstone were recently given £3,000 by their supporters' club. They used the money to buy: (i) a new player called Derek Doyle, (ii) new kit for the season, (iii) new training balls, (iv) new training kit, and there was still enough left to buy (v) a new washing machine.

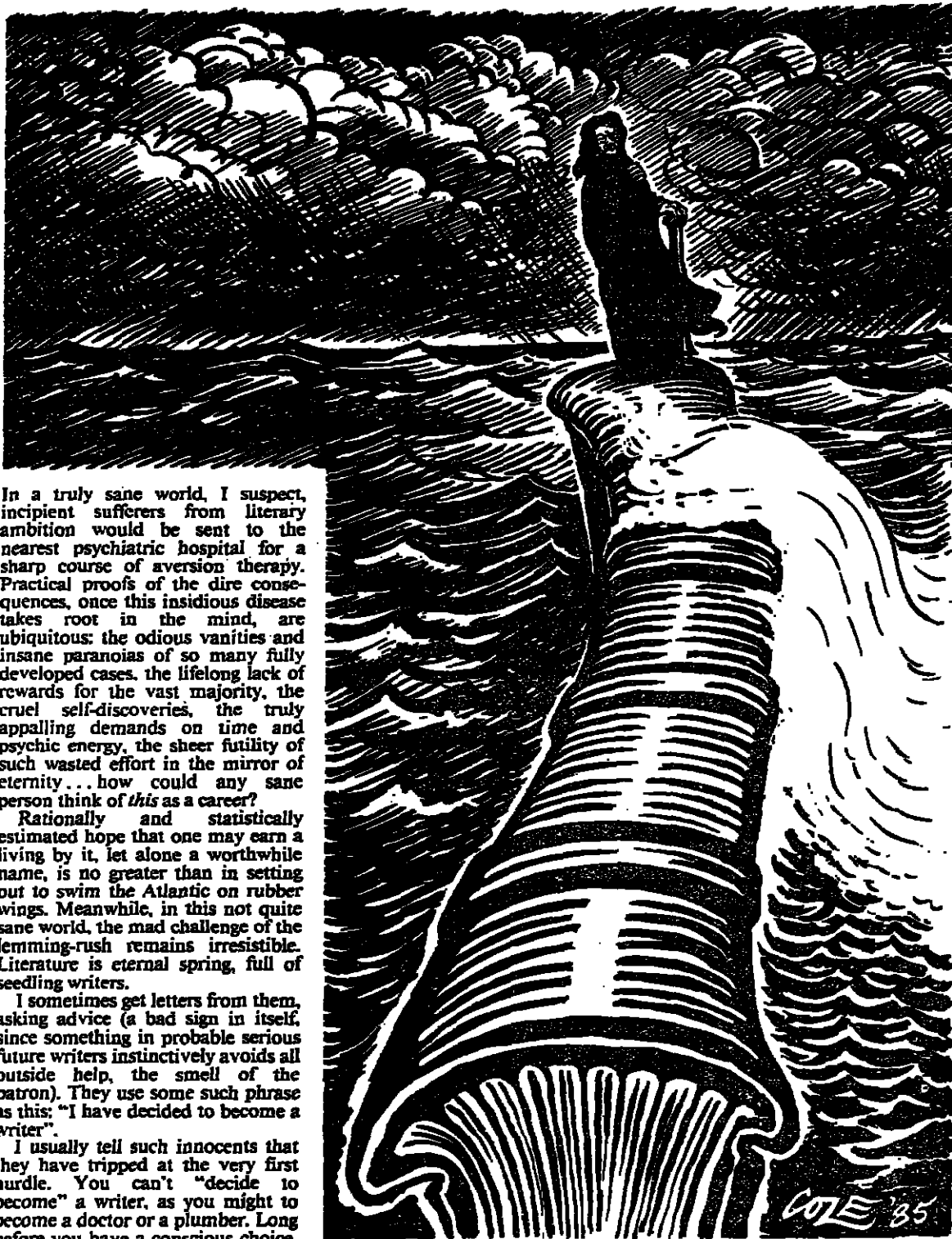
BARRY FANTONI



'It's varicose veins, I'm afraid. Cut down on standing ovations'

John Fowles launches the second *Times/Cape Young Writers Competition* with some advice for all who aspire to see themselves in print

When the bug bites - write



In a truly sane world, I suspect, incipient sufferers from literary ambition would be sent to the nearest psychiatric hospital for a sharp course of aversion therapy. Practical proofs of the dire consequences, once this insidious disease takes root in the mind, are ubiquitous: the odious vanities and insane paranoias of so many fully developed cases, the lifelong lack of rewards for the vast majority, the cruel self-discoveries, the truly appalling demands on time and psychic energy, the sheer futility of such wasted effort in the mirror of eternity... how could any sane person think of this as a career?

Rationally and statistically estimated hope that one may earn a living by it, let alone a worthwhile name, is no greater than in setting out to swim the Atlantic on rubber wings. Meanwhile, in this not quite sane world, the mad challenge of the lemming-rush remains irresistible. Literature is eternal spring, full of seedling writers.

I sometimes get letters from them, asking advice (a bad sign in itself, since something in probable serious future writers instinctively avoids all outside help, the smell of the patron). They use some such phrase as this: "I have decided to become a writer."

I usually tell such innocents that they have tripped at the very first hurdle. You can't "decide to become" a writer, as you might to become a doctor or a plumber. Long before you have a conscious choice, it has been made for you. It is fate (or your genes) that decrees that somehow, you must try to write. In polite terms writing is a vocation, a calling, not a profession; in more honest ones it requires an obsession, a mania, what H. G. Wells called an uncontrollable drive - and one just as likely to bring misery and disappointment as anything else.

Nothing is promised. The need to be born slave of a dominating obsession is particularly great in the novel, because of the time and energy long fiction demands. The kind of person who fancies "trying their hand" at fiction is rarely the ideal type for it: that is the man or woman who can sit down in the full knowledge that two years or more of hard work lie ahead, and no guarantee of success - or even, for a beginner, of being published at the end of it. Alan Sillitoe said it all in the title of his excellent story, *The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner*. Solitude, or the ability to stand it, is of the essence of this literary race; and patience is also. All novelists, however outwardly sophisticated, are peasants at heart. If at least some part of you cannot trudge a furrow, seek your living elsewhere.

I am against giving other writers any except very basic (strictly practical) advice. This is because of my love of the freedom of choice potentially inherent in every act of writing, and most of all in writing fiction. Much of that freedom is severely curtailed in any kind of

writing based on either a theory of ideal form, or on protocol and agreed codes, as in journalism and science. The notion of an ideal form often enters where it should be banned, into the novel itself - the idea, here in Britain, that such a thing as the "classic English novel" exists. Belief in this accursed ghost is much disseminated by reviewers and academics; to them, in terms of art, no one has composed since Mozart or painted since Rembrandt.

Ideal forms (stereotyping ones, so often) should be strictly excluded from the would-be writer's garret. He needs a very large pot of salt at hand for use against all proffered advice as to how he ought to write

(as also against the judgements of one's nearest and dearest, the most unreliable body of opinion the world has yet discovered). Becoming a good writer, say the cynics, is learning how to hide your faults; it can be equally a matter of obstinately sticking to them.

There is only one fault that every writer must learn to lose; and that lies in the clumsy use of language itself. I occasionally receive manuscripts for opinion. Nine times out of ten the largest fly in the ointment is poor technique: poor spelling, poor punctuation (a dying art), wrong use of words, bad grammar, and all the rest of it. One is never forgiven for pointing this out. Criticisms of narrative or dialogue,

of character development, even general philosophy, can be swallowed: the handling of the English language, never. Very often I have received outraged letters in answer, accusing me of a disgusting elitism. "I had to leave school at fourteen..." "I wasn't one of the lucky ones who went to university..." "I'm a writer, not some damned pedantic schoolmarm..." "I thought you were a socialist..." To all of which I point out that here there is no plea: a writer who doesn't know (and love) words has no more excuse than a carpenter who doesn't know his tools - or the different character of woods. Convinced Marxists, fervent Conservatives, the same rule applies: no political view, no personal misfortune, not even the intrinsic justice or truth of what is being said, can get the clumsy craftsman off.

If you would work in printed words, you must learn to use them, to feel them. A cliché, you may think; alas, I find it very far from that, in many intending writers. They seem blinded to such obvious ground truth by the misty mountain tops of self-prophecy.

There is a general notion, wickedly fostered by the press, of the glided delight of literary success. For what my own experience is worth, it is largely illusory, gilt indeed. Being a best-seller, having some international reputation, is very far from the paradise that every tyro writer tends to dream. It can put intolerable strains on personal life, even on one's work. In this the publisher's hopes and ambitions often run directly counter to those of the writer, or at least to his or her better instincts.

In my own experience, as one grows older, the pleasure and reward lies more and more in the writing, not the being published. I am usually happiest about halfway through a book, that is, between hope and reality, the reality always being the knowledge that one has failed again, and can only try again. It is inevitable with the young writer that personal success, or at least dreams of it, must play a major role. I warn against such dreams, and I know it will be in vain. I shall be accused of being a Jeremiah, a puritanical spoilsport; but it is of the young writer I am thinking. To regard any kind of writing as no more than means to another end (vanity, bestsellerdom, prestige, all the rest) brings a terrible sting in its tail.

My advice here is very simple, though it may seem contradictory. At heart write always for yourself, not for family and friends, for admitted teachers, for reviewers or publishers; but make sure you write from your real self, not that one besotted by vainglorious dreams of a future self. One day you will realize that the true rewards of writing lie inalienably in the writing itself; and then, with luck, you will be grateful you are mad, and beyond all therapy.

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EMPHASIS THIS YEAR ON NON-FICTION

The first *Times/Cape Young Writers Competition* inspired entries of extremely high quality. Rights in the winner, *Clara's Heart*, are already sold to the US, Sweden, Finland and France, and Warner Brothers has acquired a film option. Cape will also publish four other entries during 1986.

The emphasis of the second competition will be on non-fiction. The judges - novelist John Fowles, Education minister Christopher Patten, Kate Saunders, who was runner-up in the first *Times/Cape* competition, Peter Stothard, executive editor of the *Times* leader and opposite-leader pages, and Jonathan

Cape editorial director Liz Calder - will be looking particularly for exciting and original non-fiction of all kinds - memoirs, reportage, polemic, satire, biography. Fiction will, of course, also be welcome.

All entrants must be under 30 on January 1, 1986; all entries must be in by March 31, 1986 and the £5,000 prize winner will be announced in August 1986, when *The Times* will print an extract from the prize-winning work. Cape will publish the entire work in spring 1987.

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The new Anglican Synod meets next month. Roger Jupp calls for crisis to be confronted

Bishops, return to the fold

and some felt it right to leave. One priest who wrote to me, saying that he and his family would soon be leaving to find a home in the Orthodox Church, felt this mishandling of such a fundamental issue meant that the Church of England was declaring that views held by Jenkins on the virgin conception and the resurrection of Jesus Christ "are an acceptable alternative to orthodoxy", and that it both "approves heresy and orthodoxy, and officially through the voice of her bishops teaches both".

The Church of England, in seeing itself as the Church of the nation, (which I question), is also failing to give a lead in matters of human life and relationships. There is a perceived weakening of morals and Christian standards which have been fundamental to the Church's witness. The value of individual human life is attacked by abortion on demand and experiment on embryos, as is the basic acknowledgement that God is both father and creator, whose gift he alone to be treated as precious and wonderful.

Marriage is also a gift, and lifelong commitment is a necessary part of the enjoyment of that gift and a means of security in family life. Yet the Church fails to uphold its own doctrine of marriage by failing to preserve it in practice. It now even encourages clergy, albeit passively, to marry divorced couples if it seems right to them to do so, while believing that the discipline of encouraging lifelong fidelity remains unassailed.

Then there is the controversial issue of the ordination of women, which is not generally understood. The fact is that the Church of England cannot claim to be part of the Catholic Church, as it has claimed since the Reformation, if its ministry is so radically changed as to be completely different in form and order from those with whom it claims it shares this heritage.

As a result of the General Synod decision last November to prepare legislation to introduce women into the priesthood (and therefore, surely, into the episcopate), the Church of England is turning its back on a traditional and historical claim fundamental to its very nature and identity.

The claim to be Catholic with other Catholics now seems to some tenuous and to others an outright deception. People need to understand that the ordination of women is part of a much bigger issue, a symptom of a serious malaise in Anglicanism which is highlighted by a gradual but continuing slide away from orthodoxy and scriptural and historical norms.

At the heart of these issues lies the synodical problem. Commentators refer to the General Synod as the Church's "parliament"; this simplistic explanation betrays a widely held misunderstanding of the nature of the Anglican tradition. Only then can we continue our proper task of bringing Christ and His message to all those people who so desperately need Him.

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Woodrow Wyatt

Wanted: more blacks in blue

It is easy for those of us living in sedate, comfortable areas, as most *Times* readers probably do, to take a lofty, tolerant line about black lawlessness. By blacks I mean those principally of West Indian origin rather than the quieter, gentler people from the Indian sub-continent who are as law-abiding as the rest of the population. Hundreds of thousands of whites born to believe that it would always be safe to walk the streets where they live, by night or day, are now in fear. Many find themselves living in what are almost no-go areas, not only for the police but for normal services.

According to report, living on the Broadwater Farm Estate, Tottenham, unless you are black is hell. Postmen and milkmen refuse to call; insurance men will not visit to discuss claims; mini-cab drivers will not enter. Young white mothers are said to be afraid to shop even by daylight. Men on shift work run from their cars to front doors so frequently kicked in that steel frames have been fitted round the timber and locks.

Doubtless conditions are similar in Brixton, Handsworth and Tooting. There is a genuine fear among reasonable people that such lawlessness will spread.

After the Tottenham riot last weekend, in which a policeman was stabbed to death and more than 200 others were injured, Bernie Grant, the black leader of Haringey Borough Council and a parliamentary candidate for what is normally a safe Labour seat, declared: "The police were to blame for what happened on Saturday night, and what they got was a bloody good hiding..." He later announced that his council is considering whether to withhold its legally required contribution for the maintenance of the Metropolitan Police.

When blacks using guns, as they did at Tottenham, are encouraged to regard the police as enemies by an elected leader, can it be wondered that whites - and Asians, too - are in fear? It is not the answer to say that some criminal elements among white youths joined in the rioting and the looting and therefore it is not a matter of black hatred against the police and whites.

We have become accustomed to blaming ourselves for the bad behaviour of a sizeable number of blacks. Unemployment, deprivation, low educational achievement and racial discrimination are the principal excuses. But Asians who came here started with the same disadvantages and they are not creating mayhem. The problem could be that instead of encouraging West Indians to become British in thought we have encouraged them to think of themselves as a separate group who should have special privileges. The result could set off a white backlash.

John O'Sullivan

Rights before responsibility

New York When Fabian Bridges, a 30-year-old vagrant, recently checked himself into a Houston hospital for treatment for Aids he brought to an end a small but revealing episode in the great American Aids controversy. Bridges had announced his intention of ignoring an official health order from the city that, as someone with a communicable fatal disease, he "desist from having sexual relations and giving blood".

Because of this defiance, four officers were assigned to follow him around and to enforce the order. But Bridges had his civil rights. So the officers could not actually warn off any prospective paramours. They could arrest him only if they actually saw him engaging in sexual relations, or if he were absentmindedly to proposition someone.

This close official attention to an Aids victim is not perhaps what the politically organized homosexual community wanted, but it is what they called for in the early days of the disease. As recently as a year ago, the general public regarded Aids as a disease more or less confined to homosexuals. "Gays" political militants who are to be distinguished from ordinary, unobtrusive homosexuals - denounced this complacency and called for much greater state finance for research. Some even alleged darkly that a supposedly homophobic Reagan administration was deliberately withholding money so that the "gay plague" would wipe them out.

To counter these prejudices they pointed out that Aids, though mainly spread by homosexual promiscuity, was by no means confined to homosexuals. It was a deadly disease that anyone could catch from intimate contact with an Aids sufferer. It was spreading at an alarming rate, and since the incubation period could be anything from one year to six, many people had the disease without realizing it.

This fervent propaganda produced results. More money was devoted to Aids research, and the public began to shun homosexuals for fear that they might be infected.

Homosexuals then set out to re-establish public confidence. They repeated the medical assurances that, for practical purposes, the disease could be contracted only by repeated sexual intercourse with an Aids victim, from using infected needles or from a contaminated blood transfusion. Doctors were wheeled out to argue that public anxiety over the disease's transmission through tears, saliva, food handling and so on was groundless.

Despite all this reassurance the public remained anxious. It stayed away from restaurants and bars with a homosexual clientele. The reasons are not mysterious. Aids is rather like a black parody of Pascal's wager.

In New York about one-fifth of the police force is black. In Tottenham there is one West Indian policeman (born here), one Asian and one Greek. Of the 26,766 members of the Metropolitan Police, only 233 are from ethnic minorities, and not all black. In the West Midlands, which covers Handsworth - scene of rioting last month - the figure is 87 out of 6,524. In England and Wales as a whole there are 726 policemen of ethnic minorities (two-thirds of whom are black) out of a force of 119,000. In proportionate terms there should be 12,000.

In New York a white policeman never patrols in a black area without a black policeman beside him. Such a procedure would be impossible in Britain, although its benefits are obvious.

The Metropolitan Police tries to recruit blacks. In 1983 57 men and 17 women from ethnic minorities joined. In 1984 the number was down to 30 and six respectively. Those blacks who do join are vilified by local black opinion and often by their own families.

A climate has been created in which it is a very brave black indeed who becomes a policeman. This is the fault of those who deal in race relations and continually foment discontent against the police. Public funds are spent for this purpose. The activities of the Metropolitan Police with race relations are mainly directed at alienating blacks rather than integrating them.

There is no doubt that the great majority of West Indians would like to behave and be accepted as normal British citizens; they would be if they were not stirred up by those among them who peddle evil and hatred and by those extreme socialists who aim for revolution on the streets and an anarchy that would make parts of Britain ungovernable.

Many West Indians are devout churchgoers. Many are hard and honourable workers. I think of Mel Smith, who came from Jamaica when he was nine and, still in his thirties, has set up his own house painting business employing two regulars and calling on others as required. His way the best estimate to paint my house and he did the work better than it has ever been done before, ensuring that he got more work in the same road.

Are he and others like him to be damned because black youths are being misled by those in the community relations business to hate the police and to hate whites? If the West Indians feel the police are unfair to them they have a solution - join up and make sure the police in the areas where they live are black in proportionate numbers. The pay is good and it would relieve some West Indian unemployment.

The risk of catching it may be slight, but the consequences of doing so are horrendous. People therefore prefer to take no chances - and that means avoiding known sufferers and potential sufferers. Secondly, the medical profession no longer enjoys the superstitious respect of its patients. They reckon that if doctors are capable of amputating the wrong leg they are capable of not knowing everything about the transmission of Aids.

But there is an unstated reason for public nervousness. Because it is linked with homosexuality, Aids is not treated solely as a medical matter. Instead, it has become bound up with the struggle of the gay community to achieve general social approval of homosexuality as "an acceptable lifestyle" and with the great contemporary drama of rights.

To illustrate this, imagine the different attitudes people would take to Aids if it had spread as a side-effect of a new drug invented by a multi-national corporation. Compulsory measures to test people for the disease would then arouse no opposition except among a few cranks. But there is considerable opposition even to voluntary Aids testing on the grounds that those shown to have the disease might then suffer unfair discrimination. A prison governor recently rejected prisoners' requests for compulsory testing on the grounds that this would violate the civil rights of those who objected.

Nor would the company whose attempt to cure an illness had inadvertently spread this new disease receive much sympathy. It would probably be pilloried. It certainly would not be allowed to continue mass marketing the drug. Yet Aids spread principally by the promiscuous homosexual activity which occurs among other places, in the "gay" bathhouses of major United States cities. There is accordingly strong public pressure to close them down. But homosexual groups resist this as a violation of civil rights. And an official New York state commission, having rejected closure, proposed instead that contraceptive sheaths and lubricants should be available free of charge so that promiscuous homosexual relations could take place in marginally safer conditions.

This is a *reductio ad absurdum* of civil rights - the right to sexual activity that risks both slow and horrible suicide and the spread of a fatal disease throughout society. We are back to Mr Bridges - and to the successful play in which a dying homosexual Aids victim asks his former lover to sleep with him as a demonstration of love and acceptance. Militant homosexuals are asking something like that of the American public. But the public is not buying.



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TRUTHS TO TAKE HOME

Yesterday's party conference speech by the Prime Minister summed up the spirit of both her party and its conference. It was not dramatic, it was not made in an aggressive campaigning manner. It did not pull rabbits out of hats. Mrs Thatcher preferred instead to stress the themes that have rightly dominated this mid-term meeting of her supporters.

She showed that her party's concerns are the issues that concern the nation. And she answered the need for weapons with which Conservatives could communicate that concern to a worried country. This was a speech for the silent majority which was designed to help that majority, when necessary, to be less silent.

It should not therefore have come as a surprise that, almost before the Prime Minister had sat down, the carping began about her oratorical inadequacies, how she had not risen to the occasion, how a dull week had culminated in a dull speech. Conferences have become increasingly like circuses. Circuses need new tricks. So do professional circus watchers. Countries do not need a continuous supply of new tricks and Mrs Thatcher made it clear that she was not offering any.

Neither was she for dusting off the old tricks. With the simple words "we will not retreat" the

unruly ghost of Mr Peter Walker was swept aside. Mr Walker did not sit on the platform in person yesterday afternoon. He must now decide whether, after his extraordinarily clear assault on the heart of Government policy on Thursday night, he can in decent self-respect, sit in the Cabinet either.

Behind the scenes at Blackpool it was a bad week overall for those senior "wets" who once so confidently presented their alternatives. Even among those MPs who share his views Mr Walker himself was yesterday's man.

But if her chief cabinet critic required only a one-line rebuttal her Labour, Liberal and Social Democrat opponents required more - and rebuttals which would not just impress the television cameras and echo prettily around the bars, but provide tools for the Tories to take home.

The result was much repetition of what had been heard from the platform during the week, the rising levels of health spending, teacher-pupil ratios, investment, output, real living standards. At the beginning of the week the Tory faithful had seemed battered down by opposition attacks even when they knew that those attacks were based on lies. By the end of the week they had been battered in turn by an avalanche of hard

facts. The Prime Minister told them yesterday that "the only way to nail a lie is to repeat the truth". And she gave them some more truths to repeat.

But even if the troops now have the weapons why should they want to use them? What will a Tory worker take from this conference that will make him or her trudge the doorsteps to the new town? Some sympathetic observers had hoped that Mrs Thatcher would provide some new vision of the society she would like to see after her third term in office. Others, no less sympathetic, hoped that more coherent lines of policy would emerge, a more positive view of improving the health service, of raising the quality of education and training. Mrs Thatcher may have disappointed those who held such hopes. Next year she may have better to fulfil them.

This year she chose to concentrate on the social evils that had so worried her hearers - in the conference hall and the country - during the week. She called for all the British people to take their share in combating drug abuse, child abuse and abuse of the rule of law. She has given her followers back their social conscience, not as a wet slogan but as a consciousness of what society genuinely wants and what the Conservative Party, alone of those on the seas of view this autumn, can plausibly claim to provide.

THEY HAVE HIJACKED THE PEACE PROCESS

The affair of the Achille Lauro which seemed to reach a spectacular climax yesterday contains within it a remarkable number of insights into current attitudes towards international terrorism, international law, and the true nature of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation. For the first time since the ill-fated American attempt to rescue the hostages held in Iran, United States forces have intervened, and successfully, against terrorists. This will give a considerable boost to national morale after the anguished impotence revealed both in Iran and this summer in Beirut. It might also heighten the risk of being Americans abroad, but that would in its turn begot within the Administration a much more frequent, confident and militant response to any international terrorist challenge.

On the question of international law any nation has the right to assault the lines to rescue it from hijackers. But once the hijackers had left the ship only the Italians preserved continuing jurisdiction over them to bring them to trial for murder and other crimes committed by them on an Italian ship. The American

action in forcing down the Egyptian airliner could only have been legally in order if the Palestinians had hijacked the aircraft. They had not. Moreover the Italians are unlikely to respond to the American request for the Palestinians' extradition since their constitution prohibits extradition to any country which retains the death penalty for the charge on which that extradition would be based.

Finally, we come to the PLO. It seems that any recent Palestinian terrorist act, particularly those committed outside Israel or the West Bank, is carried out by some "other" fringe group within the broader Palestinian movement. That is held to exonerate Mr Arafat and his Council. Yet these groups, which are multiplying and which often consist of two or three men and considerably more guns, are all Palestinian terrorists. Their connection with the Arafat group is often discounted because they have been shooting at each other. Have we not by now reached the point when these fine-print distinctions are worthless? It has been clear for years that "armed struggle" find it just as

acceptable to shoot each other as they do to shoot Israelis. Indeed the casualties inflicted on Palestinian gunmen by Palestinian gunmen far exceed the number of Israelis they have killed. They also exceed the casualty list of those unfortunate proxy Israelis - the innocent traveller abroad, mostly American, of somebody of Jewish extraction whose crime is too obviously to represent the hated West of which Israel is deemed to be an outpost in a Muslim area.

The two members of the PLO who are coming to London on Monday will have their work cut out to make it clear how the small print enables them to be called "men of peace" and yet continue to belong to the largest agency of international terrorism in the world. After Lamaca and the Achille Lauro the Arafat connection with terrorism looks as suspect as ever - closer to the gunman than the man of peace. Sir Geoffrey will have, to apply all his court room skills in cross-examination to expose these fallacies and to avoid being guilty to the charge of gullibility, or - worse - to being an accessory after the fact. The facts do not sit well with the peace process.

FRAGILE FRIENDSHIPS

Recent anti-Japanese demonstrations in China are a reminder of just how fragile the new-found friendship between two old enemies is, and how encumbered by history. The demonstrations were sparked off by the Japanese Prime Minister's visit to his country's chief military shrine on the fortieth anniversary of the Japanese surrender in August. Mr Nakasone's public homage to Japan's war dead - the first such act by any post-war Japanese prime minister - took place at a time when China, too, was remembering - and again for the first time in public - some of the horrors of the Japanese occupation and the civil war.

Each development was, in itself, a heartening sign that Japan and China alike were beginning to face up to the less glorious aspects of their past. But for the Chinese, the combination proved explosive, and Chinese students gathered to shout "Down with Japanese militarism" and "Down with Japanese economic imperialism" much as their grandparents had done more than half a century before.

China's private resentment of its neighbour's great power and influence had been given public expression once again.

This time, however, the response of both countries' leaders has been very different - and very encouraging. Far from inflaming popular sentiment, they have sought - in public, at least - to ensure that relations are not impaired. China has sent one of its new generation of leaders, Central Committee Secretary Wang Zhaoguo, to Japan, to pledge China's continuing commitment to good relations. Japan, for its part, has gone ahead with the planned visit to Peking by its foreign minister, Shintaro Abe, despite the anti-Japanese demonstrations. And in a gesture which implicitly acknowledges China's complaints about economic imperialism, Japan has agreed to replace a consignment of trucks the Chinese say are defective.

History has always weighed heavy on the relationship between China and Japan. The two Pacific powers, both with a proud imperial tradition, have

faired very differently in the twentieth century. Japan has achieved technological advancement and economic power while retaining its veneration for the Emperor and the imperial tradition intact. China, which has foregone its past several times since the downfall of the Manchu dynasty in 1911, nonetheless finds itself still backward and impoverished.

The grounds for resentment are many, and opponents of China's current political direction, both in China and abroad, are only too willing to exploit them. The Soviet Union, in particular, would like nothing better than to see China's 14-year-old rapprochement with Japan set back as far as possible. Yet the normalization of Chinese-Japanese relations is already proving itself to be a major force for stability in the Pacific region, and it is in everyone's interest that it should remain so. The realistic and sensitive way in which the leaders of China and Japan have handled the present difficulties makes this more likely.

Tibet and China

From Sir Jack Longland
Sir, Mr James Mackie (October 5) tells us he has read with interest the Chinese Ambassador's letter (September 20) about his country's treatment of the unfortunate people of Tibet.

The Chinese Ambassador is gracious enough to admit that mistakes were made during the period of Mao's cultural revolution. What in fact happened? With the exception of the Potala in Lhasa and the Tashilhunpo monastery in Tashihunpo, every single Buddhist monastery was razed to the ground and the practice of religion both within and without their walls forbidden, including all the monasteries in which British Everest parties were received with such kindness and hospitality on their way to the mountain.

You have only to look at the photographs of the monastery, town

and fort at Shekar Dzong taken during the 1920s and 1930s, and compare them with the devastated ruins left by the Chinese since they decided to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Tibet's fate as an autonomous region under Chinese rule to realise how ruthless and complete the destruction of Tibetan religion and culture has been.

It may or may not be true that the Tibetans, belatedly "have been allowed their religious freedom". But the devastation remains: priceless buildings, manuscripts, frescoes and painted banners all mindlessly destroyed, including those at the Rungbuk monastery, a few miles from Everest itself, where successive expeditions were greeted, blessed and entertained by the holy and charming Head Lama.

The Chinese record is despicable, and no amount of fudging can now erase it.

JACK LONGLAND
Bridgway,
Bakewell, Derbyshire.

Passenger pigeons

From Mrs Ann Welch
Sir, Our pigeon (letters, September 17, 24, October 3) tried to land on our boat at dawn seven miles east of Dartmouth, fell in the sea, bounced himself out, and made the deck. He took my favourite sheltered corner of the cockpit and insisted on being fed chocolate biscuits, even having to be chased out of the cabin in his search for more.

That evening we arrived in Weymouth in fog and he spent the night on a nearby chimney, returning for breakfast, but when we showed no signs of sailing he abandoned us for a large French yacht - on passage to Dartmouth.

Yours sincerely,
ANN WELCH,
14 Upper Old Park Lane,
Farnham,
Surrey,
October 4.

Bringing cities to terms with reality

From the Chairman of Council of the Town and Country Planning Association

Sir, That town planning is out of favour is self-evident as our cities burn and no reference is made to it. Scarcely included. Yet it still has something to say: something surprising.

Planning is in disgrace because through notions such as "overspill" and mathematical modelling, it pandered to the mechanistic mentality that had allowed our meaningless urban deserts to emerge. Thus, the garden cities movement let itself be taken for a ride by post-war governments which used new towns as vehicles for public housing policies. But it was a very short ride, for only a tiny proportion of those who quit the cities were housed in new towns. Simultaneously, other governments perverted the green belt - already antiquated by the new-found mobility of car ownership - by grotesque extensions of its boundaries, as an instrument of privilege for those who had shaken the dust of the cities off their feet. It was left to other countries to take account of the changing form of those cities.

Planners condoned all this, for they had sold their birthright for a mess of the Establishment's pottage. They were given their place in the mechanistic scheme of things. Small wonder, then, that the neo-urbanist fashion for "urbanity" meekly allied itself to the power game, which used the urban poor as pawns in the drive for high-rise development - that vast malinvestment in the concrete jungle with which we are now inescapably burdened.

It took the gas explosion, which not only ripped open the fabric of Roman Point, but let out the voices of those incarcerated in a thousand similar structures, crying "We have had enough", to bring that process to an end.

For this gross act of inhumanity even Dixieland, the prophet of urbanism, repented before he died. Evelyn Shoen, the permanent secretary of the responsible department, likewise admitted guilt; even Keith Joseph, the minister who most lent himself to it, had the humility to apologise - though apparently not considering this should henceforth debar him from public life.

Only from the media, which had fomented the whole process, has there come no recognition of any responsibility. But then, the media

are themselves a creature of the city as we know it.

So what has town planning still to say? Surely, it has to hold up the image of our burning cities to those who use them only to pursue their private business and say, "This is the mirror of the values you hold dear, and weep!" For the blight of planning is to see things as a whole, and our cities have come to their present formless pass as the residue of centuries of fragmented individualism.

You will say, no doubt, that this is not very constructive; that it does not solve the problem. But it is typical of our illusions that there are mechanistic solutions to all problems. Some tragedies, rather, like a bereavement, are only to be endured. Yet any such enduring may also bring about a change in its subject. And if change is to be brought about in the present situation, it must surely lie in an abdication of central power, particularly the Treasury's - which has reduced local life to a mere collection of parts, with no comprehension of the wholeness of which that life needs to consist.

The crisis of the cities is ultimately a crisis of our constitution, which more and more cuts us off from all the poetry of living to which humanity has a right.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE ASH,
Chairman of Council,
Town and Country Planning Association,
17 Carlton House Terrace, SW1,
October 9.

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir: Recent events in our cities recall what W. H. Auden wrote at the beginning of the Second World War in "September 1, 1939". The unmentionable odour of death offends the October rather than the September night this time, but most of the poem is as true now as it was then - right down to the windmill militant trash important persons shout.

Once again we are reminded that those to whom evil is done do evil in return, and that we must love one another or die. Poets may not be the acknowledged legislators of the world, but they sometimes see it more clearly than all the professional commentators. Perhaps it is time to start listening.

NICOLAS WALTER,
88 Islington High Street, NI.

Heart of the matter

From Professor M. F. Oliver

Sir, You reported part of my address to the British Association on the diet heart question, and now your correspondent, Dr Le Fanu (feature, October 11), has referred to my views. To suggest that medical opinion is "passionately divided" over the relation of diet to heart disease only increases the public's confusion. Such high emotions should have no place in our attempts to understand and control the very complex problem of heart disease, where the greatest need is more research.

While there is strong circumstantial evidence from many experimental, biochemical and epidemiological studies that reduction of dietary saturated fat might reduce the incidence of heart attacks, this is not overwhelming as Professor Crawford (October 7) evidently believes. Large and costly attempts to demonstrate such reduction have not been successful except in those with very high blood cholesterol

levels, possibly because of poor compliance to the strict diet necessary or because dietary changes were made too late in adult life.

Many of us are unwilling, therefore, to be coerced into supporting the wishful thinking and exaggerated claims of some health promoters, who are making the public feel guilty if they do not change their eating habits. Nevertheless, some reduction in the saturated fat content of our diet makes sense, particularly in those at risk for heart attacks, and this was carefully spelt out in the Coma (Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy) report of which I was a signatory to all clauses and is reiterated in the recent Joint Advisory Committee on Nutritional Education report.

Yours truly,
M. F. OLIVER,
University of Edinburgh,
Department of Medicine,
Cardiovascular Research Unit,
Hugh Robson Building,
George Square,
Edinburgh,
October 7.

Liberal fact-finding

From the President of the Liberal Party

Sir, Before Norman Tebbit's oft-repeated myth that in February, 1974, the Liberals "let Harold Wilson in" gains any more credence, I wonder whether you would allow me to enlighten your readers with the facts.

For one thing, the Liberal and Conservative MPs elected in February, 1974, did not even make up a majority in the House of Commons. A Lib-Cons coalition would have been a minority Government with all the insecurity that entails.

Moreover, it would have been foolish for the Liberals, with only 14 MPs, to have entered into a full

coalition with the Conservatives, who had 297 MPs. It would have been impossible for the Liberals to have exerted much influence in such a situation; with an imbalance of this enormity, an agreement along the lines of the Lib-Lab pact, where the Liberals gave qualified support from opposition, would have been preferable. This offer was rejected by the Conservatives.

Far from accusing the Liberals of letting Labour in, Mr Tebbit should look at the record of his own party after the February, 1974, election. In the debate on Labour's programme following the Queen's Speech, the only amendment selected by the Speaker for discussion and division was that tabled by the Conservative Opposition. This criticised the Government for its lack of a policy on incomes.

When the debate ended on March 18, not only did the Tories allow their own amendment to be defeated without a vote: they also abstained on the main motion giving general support to the Queen's Speech. The fourteen Liberal MPs could not have defeated the Government on their own!

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PENHALIGON, President,
The Liberal Party,
House of Commons,
October 8.

Gobbledynuke

From Mrs C. P. Hall

Sir, Those who, like the Master of Churchill College (October 10), find themselves "increasingly puzzled by the local authority areas describing themselves as nuclear free" are perhaps not aware that that designation indicates that the authority in question is prepared to try to prevent the passage of dangerous quantities of radioactive materials through the normally, populous area for which it is responsible.

When one considers that cruise missiles have been sighted travelling along the Oxford by-pass, a road on which accidents have been known to happen, and when one also considers that it has not been possible to establish whether or not the missiles have been furnished with warheads at the time, one can concede that the attempt by a local authority to protect civilians in peacetime from an unacceptable hazard, even if naive by the standards of sophisticated duplicity practised by those who generate the hazard, may nevertheless be regarded as the act of a democratically-elected body with the courage to take its responsibilities seriously - even if one views the matter from a Cambridge college.

Yours faithfully,
CYNTHIA HALL,
De La Salle College,
Hogwood Hall,
Middleton,
Manchester,
October 10.

Value for money in running NHS

From the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health

Sir, For the second time within a month you publish a letter from Professor Millard, of St George's Hospital Medical School (October 5) attacking the policy of competitive tendering in the National Health Service.

I believe Professor Millard's unwarranted assertions should not pass without comment as they could cause needless worry to hospital patients and their relatives.

Of course it is important that proper standards should be maintained in the domestic, catering and laundry services of our hospitals. That is why health authorities, with their rapidly improving management skills, agree the tasks to be provided under a domestic services contract with other staff concerned, such as doctors and nurses, before drawing up the specification and going out to tender. The sort of activities mentioned by Professor Millard, such as serving drinks and food, looking after flowers, and other ward housekeeping duties, are frequently written into contracts. There is certainly no reason why a contractor's employee should not work as a member of the ward team.

It is important that we get the best value from the almost £1 billion a year which is spent on hospital support services. There are already a number of successes from competitive tendering that show our policy can lead to very worthwhile savings, whilst standards are maintained.

At St Helier Hospital, in Sutton, a domestic services contract is saving £539,000 and the management say that the hospital has never been cleaner. At Westminster Hospital the savings are £651,000 a year, at Norwich £647,000 and at Hammer-smith Hospital £570,000. At the London Hospital the in-house service has won the job at a saving of £256,000 a year.

Nationally this policy has already produced savings worth £19 million a year. The money saved can be used to develop services for patients. For example, Norwich Health Authority is employing an additional psychologist and opening extra beds for the elderly.

It would not be in the interests of patients to abandon the policy as Professor Millard suggests; nor would it be in the interest of the taxpayer, whose contribution to our health service has increased in real terms by 20 per cent since 1978.

Yours faithfully,
RAY WHITNEY,
Department of Health and Social Security,
Alexander Fleming House,
Elephant & Castle, SE1,
October 9.

Sound money policies

From Mr J. R. Sargent

Sir, For those whose doctrine turns out to be false, it is always a temptation to redefine its content. You yield to this in your leading article (October 3) portraying monetarism as merely a belief in sound money policies as a means of fighting inflation. Such a belief is held by many non-monetarists.

The monetarism which became fashionable in the 1970s, and which some economists persuaded Mrs Thatcher to believe, asserted much more. This was that sound money policies could be used to fight inflation with only transitory effects on the level of output and employment.

This belief, the essence of monetarism, clearly is discredited. Although the economy has been growing at something like its long-term rate for three years or so, it has been doing so at a substantially higher level of unemployment than before 1979.

To say that "we are all monetarists now" is not unlike Cardinal Hume proclaiming that because we are all against sin, we are all Roman Catholics.

Yours etc,
J. R. SARGENT,
Trentham House,
Fulbrook,
Burford,
Oxfordshire,
October 5.

Echoes of thunder

From Mr David Holbrook

Sir, On page 8 of your issue of today the history of the *Times* is discussed with respect, and your Literary Editor reports that "The *Times* has had its finest hours when it has been a radical, campaigning, bloody-minded paper." On page 9 you printed one of those articles which have now become customary in *The Times*, eulogising the private lives of "successful" pop stars, in which, in this instance, the prurience is repulsive ("Baileys always say to me, 'Look at the camera as if you're being...'") - and, in terms of the effect on the relationship with the reader, trivialising.

The serious bearing of a newspaper like *The Times* must surely be undermined by the strange kind of obsession - your feature articles betray with a certain insignificance minority of figures in such worlds of entertainment. Yet one clear feature of the present *Times* is that no comment or protest about this kind of triviality and deference to the values of exploitative publicity is ever published from any reader.

This itself is surely a mark of what has happened to a great newspaper since the days of which Philip Howard was writing.

Yours etc,
DAVID HOLBROOK,
Denmore Lodge,
Brunswick Gardens,
Cambridge,
October 4.

THE TIMES ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 12 1962

The first Vatican Council ("On this Day," May 4) was called by Pope Paul VI and met on December 8, 1962; it was prorogued indefinitely on October 20, 1970. John XXIII, elected in 1963, died on June 3, 1963. The Council continued under his successor Paul VI (1963-1978) and was dissolved on December 8, 1965.

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

From Our Own Correspondent

ROME, Oct. 11. In his address at the magnificent opening ceremony today of his Ecumenical Council in St. Peter's, the Pope said that the Roman Catholic Church intended to meet the needs of the present day by demonstrating the validity of its teachings rather than by condemnation.

The Council has always opposed errors, he said, but nowadays - and he was clearly anxious to set the tone of the assembly at the outset - it preferred to make use of the "medicine of mercy rather than that of severity".

SPECIAL LIGHTING

Within the basilica the special lighting installed to add to the brilliant spectacle illuminated the gold of the roof of the huge nave as well as the rows of bishops, who went to their seats with an almost relentlessly unflinching precision, applauding the Pope as he entered after them on his sedia gestatoria beneath a canopy and surrounded by a host of aides. He went to his throne placed under Michelangelo's dome, which was alive with the sunlight playing on the intricate design of Bernini's famous baldachin (canopy over the altar).

Early in the address the Pope's discourse was in Latin, recalled his account of "the first sudden springing up in our heart and lips" of the simple words "Ecumenical Council". They were uttered, he said, in the presence of the Sacred College of Cardinals on January 25, 1959, on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul in the basilica here dedicated to him.

"It was completely unexpected," the Pontiff added, "like a flash of heavenly light, shedding sweetness in eyes and hearts; and at the same time it gave rise to great fervour throughout the world, in expectation of the celebration of the council."

PESSIMISTIC READINGS

Illuminated by the light of this council, the Pope continued, the Church "we confidently trust" would become greater and the people richer, gaining the strength of new energies as a result, would look to the future without fear. In fact, by bringing itself up to date where required, and by the wise organization of mutual cooperation, the Church would make men, families, and peoples really turn their minds to heavenly things.

Rejecting pessimistic readings of the state of mankind at the opening of the council he went on to describe to the assembly the happy circumstances in which he felt it had been called to meet. In the daily exercise of his pastoral office, he said, he had to listen, he said, much to his regret, to the opinions of persons who, though burning with zeal, were not endowed with too much sense of discretion or measure.

In these modern times they could see nothing but prevarication and ruin; they said that the people were angry with other errors was getting worse, as though everything at the time of former councils was a full triumph for the Christian idea and life and for proper religious liberty. "We feel we must disagree," the Pope said, with these people of gloom who are already forecasting disaster, as though the end of the world was at hand."

COMMON PATRIMONY

Speaking of what was expected from the council to regard to doctrine, the Pope said that, drawing on the wealth of juridical, liturgical, apostolic, and administrative experience, it would wish to transmit the doctrine, pure and integral, without any attenuation or distortion, which throughout 20 centuries, notwithstanding difficulties and contrasts, has become the common patrimony of man. "It is a patrimony not well received by all, but always a rich treasure available to men of good will."

It was a source of considerable sorrow, he said, to see that the greater part of the human race did not yet participate "in those sources of divine grace which exist in the Catholic Church". He summed up the aim of this Second Vatican Council in the following words:

While bringing together the Church's best energies and striving to have men welcome more favourably the good tidings of salvation, prepares as it were and considers the peak towards which a unity of mankind which is required as a necessary foundation in order that the earthly city may be brought to the resemblance of that heavenly city - in St. Augustine's words - "where truth reigns, charity is the law and whose extent is eternity".

Secular salutation

From Mr Malcolm J. C. Addison

Sir, In his article, "Carefully casual" (October 5), Mr Howard mentions the now very common use of "take care" as a valediction.

Is it not interesting, and a commentary, too, upon this secular age, that responsibility now devolves from the Almighty ("good-bye"), from "God be with you" to the individual? *Savez qui peat!* Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM J. C. ADDISON,
2 Pump Cottages,
The Street,
Framfield,
East Sussex,
October 6.

Whacking good idea?

From Mr E. G. Wright

Sir, Without doubt my late headmaster, of blessed memory, would also have taken strike action if faced with obscene graffiti on his school walls, but his striking would have been of an entirely different character.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
E. G. WRIGHT,
63 Southbourne Grove,
Bournemouth,
Dorset,
October 10.

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THE TIMES Portfolio

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Currency markets barely moved from their overnight levels yesterday in the quiet and nervous trading that has characterized this week.

The pound, closing at \$1.4108 to the dollar, was little changed from the previous close of \$1.4105, having drifted only as high as \$1.4135 in the morning session.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| Market rates | Market rates |
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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Comfortable conditions in day-to-day money provided the only noteworthy feature yesterday.

Interbank opened on 11% to 12% per cent, then receded steadily through the morning. By lunchtime, it was down to 11% to 12% per cent. The late afternoon saw a plunge to 1 1/2% per cent, but the last few minutes brought a firmer trend, to 7 per cent for the close.

The periods showed little change once again. Dealers lack a sense of direction at present and are looking to the Chancellor

for lift, next Thursday, the prevailing confusion about monetary policy when he addresses bankers at the annual Mansion House Banquet.

Local authorities showed no interest.

Eurodollar deposits traded in quietly routine conditions.

In the discount market, money conditions became surprisingly easy, a pleasing development that allowed the houses to fund their books cheaply across the weekend.

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WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) - The stock market edged higher in early trading yesterday, continuing a slow-motion advance for the fourth successive day.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.57 points to 1,329.64. Broader indicators also pointed higher. Advancing issues and declining issues were

about even. Early turnover amounted to about 8.34 million shares.

Xerox led the actives, down 1/4 to 47 1/2. Ford was up 1/4 to 45 1/2. The company raised its dividend on Thursday and agreed to buy Sperry's farm equipment business.

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COMPANY NEWS

IN BRIEF

● KINGSLEY & FORSTER: For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 18,801 (£1,464), while the pretax profit was 1,711 (£134). Earnings per share were 1.6p (11.6p). An interim dividend of 1p (nil) is being paid on Nov 29.

● NORMAN HAY: For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 2,747 (£2,113), while the pretax profit was 207 (£231). Earnings per share were 1.5p (1.3p). An interim dividend of 1.5p (1.3p) is being paid on Nov 22.

● HOUSE PROPERTY CO. OF LONDON: For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, while the pretax profit was 4 (profit 23). Losses per share were 1.25p (earnings 1.7p). An interim dividend of 1p (5p) is being paid.

● NEW ENGLAND PROPERTIES: For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 211 (£12), while the pretax profit was 262 (£361). Losses per share were 1.14p (1.29p).

● A. CAIRD & SONS: For the half-year to July 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 442 (£1,486), while the pretax profit was 10 (loss 4.7p). Earnings per share were 2.1p (loss 4.7p).

● MIDLAND MARTS GROUP: For the half-year to Aug 2, with figures in £000, turnover was 2,058 (£1,282), while the pretax profit was 19 (profit 285). Earnings per share were 0.4p (4.1p). An interim dividend of 1.25p (1.25p) is being paid on Jan 2.

● FRANK G. GATES: For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 24,358 (£2,263), while the pretax profit was 330 (£66). Earnings per share were 3.7p (3.9p).

● MICROLEASE: For the half-year to Aug 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 1,681 (£1,681), while the pretax profit was 406 (£303). Earnings per share were 7.1p (8.9p). An interim dividend of 1p (1p) is being paid on Dec 2.

● C. H. PEARCE & SONS: For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 58,247 (£9,917), while the pretax profit was 3,336 (£2,937). Earnings per share were 52.5p (50.0p). A final dividend of 6p (7.5p) is being paid on Jan 9, making a total of 7.5p (6.25p).

● FORTNUM & MASON: For the half-year to Aug 10, with figures in £000, sales were 6,337 (£5,293), while the pretax profit was 110 (£65). An interim dividend of 5p (5p) is being paid on Dec 31.

● JONES GROUP: For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 33,041 (£18,231), while the pretax profit was 75 (£137). Earnings per share were 8.3p (9.23p). An interim dividend of 2.5p (1.75p) is being paid.

● SECURITY CENTRES HOLDINGS: The recommended increased offer by Automated Security has been accepted in respect of 8,097 ordinary shares (£50.97 per cent). The offer has been declared unconditional as to acceptances and is now unconditional in all respects.

● LOW & BONAR: The company is to sell its wholly-owned subsidiary, Bonar Langley Alloys, to Langley Holdings, a company formed by the offshoot's present directors. The sale will raise £2.3 million cash.

● LILLESALL CO: For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 3,004 (£4,193), while the pretax profit was 75 (£137). Earnings per share were 8.3p (9.23p). An interim dividend of 0.75p (nil) is being paid on Dec 4.

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FAMILY MONEY/1

Country houses to pull in the Americans

BUSINESS EXPANSION

A clutch of new business expansion scheme companies is on offer this week - several of them asset-backed, ranging from a wine company to a country house hotel chain.

Fine Country Homes is a BES company set up to buy, restore and operate listed country houses of note as up-market hotels. The company will initially acquire two houses in Suffolk, Flemings Hall at Beddingfield and Box Hall at Shotisham.

The prospectus shows some beautiful glossy pictures of Flemings Hall. Both the properties are fully restored and furnished, and available for immediate use.

The target market is American tourists. Discussions are under way with travel agents in the United States and until a

deal is struck, Fine Country Homes will be marketed through the prestigious English Country Cottages agency, which has handled the properties until now.

The two properties will be bought into the company at £130,000 for Box Hall and £350,000 for Flemings Hall, prices verified as fair valuations by both Strutt & Parker and Knight Frank & Rutley.

Furnishings have been valued at £38,345 and will be bought by the company at that price. If the company purchases other properties, priority will be given to listed buildings.

Management displays considerable experience in this field. The managing director, Rowan Menzies, has been responsible for the restoration of more than 100 properties in Britain and abroad. He is the managing director of Temple down, which operates the Cafe Marceno in Regent Street, and

he was responsible for the purchase and restoration of Flemings Hall.

One of the non-executive directors is Leonard Burrows, who is a director and general manager of the highly successful Blakes Hotel owned by the actress Anouska Hempel, now Mrs Mark Weinberg.

Profitability will depend very much on the level of occupancy and the prospectus gives no guidelines on what level is required to break even. However, with solid asset backing like this, it looks a BES company worth considering. Sponsors are Anthony Weiler & Co.

The stockbrokers Greenwells are lending their name as sponsors to the BES company, the Weiss Gallery.

The company is looking for £1 million and will deal in paintings, furniture and other works of art, specializing in



Flemings Hall, a 'country house of note', with a £350,000 price tag

Elizabethan and Jacobean portraits, a field in which Mark Weiss, the managing director, has built up considerable expertise over 13 years. Premises are at 1b Albermarle Street in central London. Mr Weiss's parents, who have successfully run an art gallery in Essex, are also directors of the company.

Much of the company's success depends on the expertise of the Weiss family and in particular Mark Weiss as the assets backing the investors' £1 million will be the works of art and furniture he purchases.

The Albermarle Street premises have been acquired on a 25-year lease with five-year rent reviews and the initial annual rent is £17,500. If Mr Weiss gets it wrong, then profits could be reduced, or even non-existent.

Mr Weiss is aiming at paintings in the £5,000 to £50,000 range but if only the minimum of £50,000 is raised, he will have to concentrate on the lower end of the market if he is going to have a reasonable amount of stock.

Two art advisers, Sir Roy Strong, the director of the Victoria & Albert Museum, and Sir David Piper, have been retained by the company. Minimum investment is £2,000 and the closing date for applications is November 14.

The third on the list of new BES companies is Hitech Lighting, a manufacturer and distributor of low-voltage lighting products. Sponsors are Lancashire & Yorkshire Investment Management Ltd, which is aiming to raise £600,000 for the company.

It now manufactures low-voltage lighting. Minimum investment is £1,050, and the closing date for applications has not been fixed.

The remaining new launches include the Winebank company and two BES funds investing in

a range of small companies. For both, it is their second BES fund.

Gresham Trust's fund gives virtually no indication of the sort of companies in which it will invest other than that it will be looking for capital growth and may invest in start-up situations. Although this is Gresham Trust's second fund, it has not seen fit to send a report on how the first one has done.

Castleforth, which is run by the Royal Bank of Scotland and stockbrokers Laing and Cruikshank, has, however, included a report of its first fund, though it gives no indication of how well the companies in which it has invested are doing - except in the case of Frithens, the Plymouth-based coach operator which has gone into liquidation.

This represented 11 per cent of Castleforth Fund's money. The last BES company, Winebank, is hoping to raise £2 million to invest in fine wines.

There have been several similar schemes and the idea is that investors' money is backed by the wine.

Winebank has two Masters of Wine on its board: John Davies, the managing director, and Nicholas Clarke, who is a non-executive director and is retained as a consultant.

The scheme looks very similar to others that have been successfully launched. The only question mark hanging over such schemes is whether or not there will be a flood of fine wine on to the market in five years' time when these BES wine companies may be forced to liquidate their stocks in order to give investors a way out.

While fine wine is generally an appreciating asset, a sudden glut on the market could depress prices in what is a very competitive market.

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FAMILY MONEY/2

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Help for mothers in new lifetime

"Child benefit is to most mothers, myself included, the only 'personal' income that we have. It is a very important independent income for the majority of mothers". This is the view of one mother when questioned on child

benefit. *Mother's Lifetime* is the title of a review of child benefit and what mothers spend it on, by Allison Walsh and Ruth Lister of the Child Poverty Action Group.

The book makes fascinating reading. "For many mothers it is their only income. For this reason I think it is important that it can be obtained easily every week. It is there during the week when the money can be put to use. At the weekend, 'was the view of another mother who took part in the survey. About 85 per cent of child benefit is spent on food or clothes for the children.

Copies of the book are available, price £1.95 including postage, from Child Poverty Action Group, 1 Macklin Street, London WC2B 5NN.

Money and fun

Managing your money is important but it is rarely fun. Money Matters has succeeded in bringing a little lightheartedness to the subject by combining a fashion show from Susie Faux of Wardrobe, with a seminar on managing your money, to take place on Thursday October 24.

"Susie will be presenting her elegant clothes and will be bringing with her one of London's most exciting hairdressing and make-up teams," says the Money Matters publicity. Other speakers at the seminar include the usual line-up of a stockbroker, a solicitor, a chartered accountant and a banker.

The fee for the seminar which includes morning coffee and lunch is £35. Full details are obtainable from Money Matters, Premier House, 309 Ballards Lane, North Finchley, London N12 8LU.

Perks for high earners

"This week's rise in employers' National Insurance Contributions should concentrate minds on how best to remunerate high earning staff. Extra perks seem to be the most likely solution as these should escape the higher National Insurance levy. And if you want information or guidance on the tax

treatment of these fringe benefits, get hold of the latest publication from the Institute of Chartered Accountants - *Fringe Benefits*.

The digest contains a detailed guide to the current UK taxation treatment of benefits and perks and also deals with the provision that apply only to directors and higher-paid employees. Motor cars and fuel, beneficial loan arrangements and share acquisitions are covered, as well as recent amendments to the law concerning the provision of scholarships and payment of directors' PAYE.

The booklet is available, price £5, publication number 5738, from the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Gloucester House, 399 Silbury Boulevard, Wilton Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 2HL.

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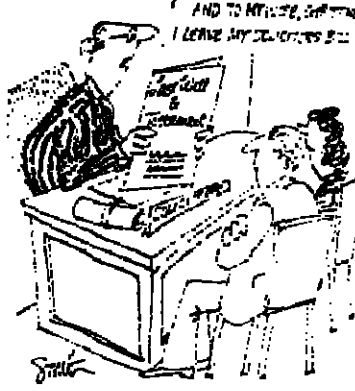
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Customers who buy the insurance cover simply ring the board's district office, if an appliance does go wrong. The board is financing the scheme itself so there is no worry about the insurer going bust.

The five-year extended warranty is not cheap. Premium for a dishwasher is £60, cooker, £40, microwave oven £27 and automatic washer, £30. Details from East Midlands Electricity Board Showrooms.

Red tape cuts

The Inland Revenue is trying to cut back on paper and by doing so provide dispensation to employers who provide



benefits in kind. Under the current rules, employers have to fill in a form P11D listing all expenses payments and benefits in kind, paid to directors and employees earning more than £8,500, including the value of the benefits. This is to enable the taxman to work out the current amount of tax payable by these employees.

But some routine expenses payments and benefits, for example, expenses on business travel in Britain, are commonly wholly allowable as deductions in the employee's hands so that one cancels the other, giving rise to no extra tax liability for the employee. In these circumstances, the Revenue is now issuing a dispensation - the employer need no longer show those expenses on the P11D.

Details: Booklet 480 available free from any tax office.

BT's City link

For followers of shares on the Unlisted Securities Market (USM) a new service from Citycall, British Telecom's telephone-based financial information service, should prove useful. The new Citycall USM report will be available if you dial 0066 66062. It covers the most active and interesting shares giving details of price movements and, in some

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New advice service

Four former Treasury Law executives have formed their own investment advisory service, Fairch-JDs. Their first publication is a review of capital transfer tax and the mitigation schemes that are available. The review includes 10 capital transfer tax avoidance tips and an outline of the reliefs and exemptions available.

Copies of the review are available from Fairch-JDs, 54 Pall Mall, SW1Y 5JH. Tel: 01-839 3182.

Guide for trusts

Should I put the money in trust? is a common enquiry from worried readers, anxious to protect their assets from the tax man, a former spouse or an irresponsible offspring. "The answer may well be yes, but to find out if it is worthwhile get hold of accountant Dearden Farrow's latest booklet, *The Use of Trusts*.

"English trust law developed its unique course from the days of the Crusades when the departing warrior locked up his wife and daughter in chaste and his estates in trust. This enabled him to go off to play soldiers in the knowledge that he had taken care of the important things at the estate during his absence," the introduction says.

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Covenant kit

Students being maintained at university by their parents under a Deed of Covenant are now coating the Inland Revenue an estimated £55 million a year - and the figure could be higher. But despite the growing loss of revenue, the Revenue has just produced a full kit, setting out exactly how to save yourself 30 per cent and make a Deed of Covenant to a student offspring.

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The risks of growing companies

The thought that by expanding your business you could be putting it in jeopardy, is not one that strikes many entrepreneurs. But expansion can cause considerable problems, according to accountant Adam Mills who has written a booklet on the subject, *Managing the Growing Business*.

The biggest headache is identified by Mr Mills as "resources stress" - the pressure on people, premises, plant, organization and almost always on cash.

He then goes on to look at what he describes as "growth destination". Where is the company going in two or three years as a consequence of decisions being taken now? Is that the optimum destination for the business and what course alteration should be made now or in the near future? These are questions he poses and to which he suggests possible solutions.

The booklet also covers planning the gritty gritty of growth and expansion including acquisitions. It also looks at rewarding those who initiated the expansion and those who sustained it. "How does one keep the executives of the expanding business 'jumping for the jelly beans'?"

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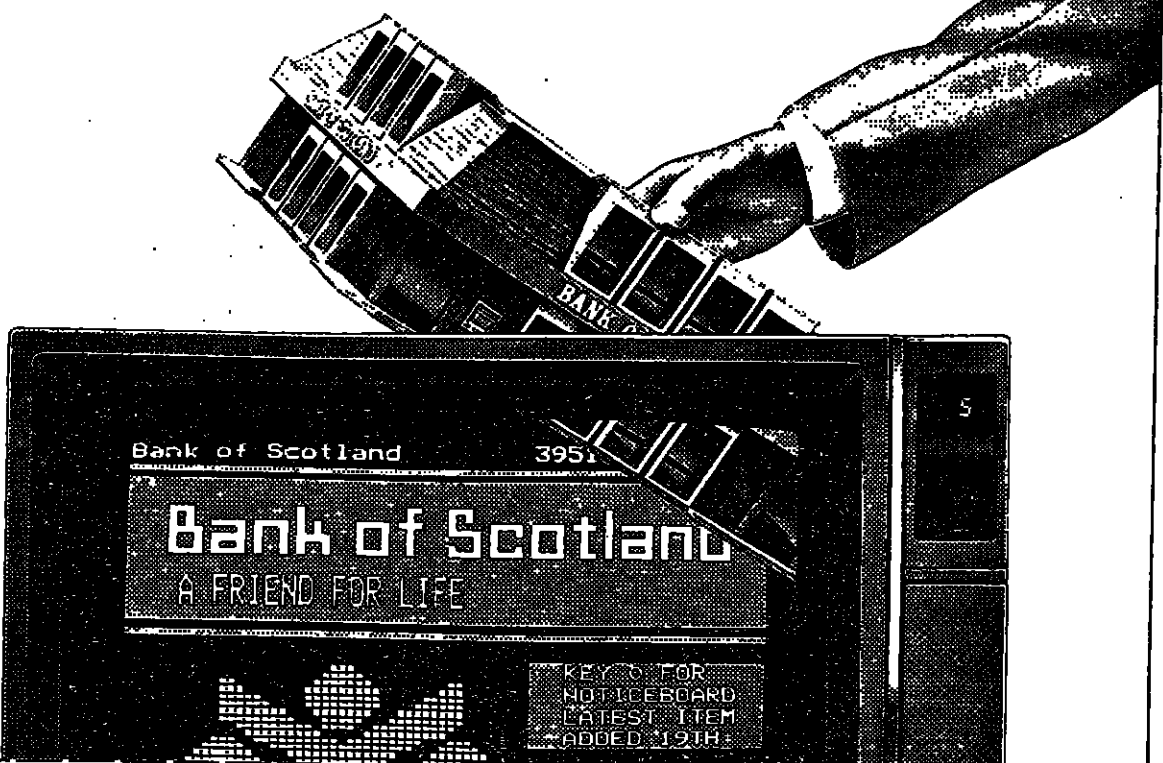
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FAMILY MONEY/4

TSB gives a taste of things to come

The Trustee Savings Bank is set to become the first company outside the public sector to issue a mini-prospectus when the shares are launched in February.

The TSB, which is looking for a million shareholders, intends to distribute a hefty number of the prospectuses through its branch network.

More than six million TSB account holders are eligible for priority treatment in the share issue. "We would be happy if we got 10 per cent of our shares," says the TSB's group controller, Richard Bingle.

The number of shares available for the general public will depend on institutional allocation. The TSB will be protected from an early takeover by limiting shareholders to a maximum holding of 5 per cent in the first five years and 15 per cent after that.

The build-up to the launch has already begun with a corporate advertising campaign to create the image of the TSB as a major banking force in the public mind. The share issue campaign begins on November 1 and a public share information office has been opened

Account holders will have priority

in Bristol to handle queries - the telephone number is Bristol (0272) 300300.

The publicity drive will intensify as more is known about the form and timing of the offer, and before the final prospectus is issued a "red herring" prospectus giving everything but the price of the shares will be made available.

Only those who had a TSB account on December 17, 1984 - the day before the TSB Bill was published - are eligible for priority treatment.

It does not matter how little was in the account or how long it has been lying dormant. But all customers with accounts which have not been used for some years should visit a TSB

branch to ensure they are registered on the computer.

Those with TSB mortgages also qualify for priority treatment but customers whose only dealings are with the TSB's Trustcard, unit trusts or United Dominions Trust will not be eligible.

Share applications can be made on behalf of child account holders but holders will be entitled to more than one priority application no matter how many TSB accounts they hold - and the TSB's six million customers have more than 13 million accounts.

The TSB chairman, Sir John Read, who is piloting the flotation, has come through the fire of industry rather than from the banking world, with spells at Ford and EMI, both before and after its rescue by Thorn, and he was a non-executive director of Dunlop until Sir Michael Edwards shook up the boardroom.

Sir John says: "I believe in private enterprise. When I joined, the TSB board was anxious to have an independent chairman. Their future was uncertain and there were different views about the way it could develop."

"There was uncertainty over the legal position in connection with the ownership of the reserves. The Government encouraged us to find an answer under the Companies Act."

"Then there was the question of whether we could survive as an independent organization. It's a very tough world with foreign banks and building societies moving in."

"When I joined there were 17 banks, each beginning to develop its own services. Through amalgamations there are now four, but none of them could have qualified as a bank under the Banking Act."

"When the question of ownership and control arose, the Government certainly steered us towards the Companies Act solution, which would also satisfy the Banking Act."

The sale of the bank that nobody owns to the public will give it instant cash injection of



Sir John Read: "Looking at new opportunities"

around £1 billion. "We are not going to let the money burn holes in our pocket," says Sir John. "There is a planning unit here that is looking at new opportunities."

But some of the new money will be spent on strengthening the branch network in the South-East, on new technology, although all branches are already "on line", and on building up reserves.

The TSB already has its own cash and credit cards, unit trusts, mortgages, insurance, pensions, hire purchase and vehicle rental and leasing businesses. It has considered expanding abroad.

Sir John is certain he does not want to buy into stock-taking. He explains: "It would

Money to be spent on technology

not be appropriate. We are not flooded with customers who buy stocks and shares, although that may change."

"But you do not necessarily have to own a stockbroker - you can have useful contractual relationships."

He believes the TSB can maintain its character and service to ordinary customers while moving into the fast lane. He believes he has already shaken the TSB out of its Civil Service mentality.

He says: "For instance, there's an old saying, 'Time is cost'. That never used to come into the equation, but after a stable existence for 170 years a lot has had to change."

Vivien Goldsmith

Why solicitors need a better image

HOUSE PURCHASE

When two solicitors, Edward Goldsmith and Chris Williams, of Chester, set up the Home Buyers Group in the middle of last year "to bring solicitors together to form a national network able to offer legal services in a more modern, friendly and cost-effective manner", they were shocked to find out how low an opinion people held the legal profession.

They commissioned a survey in April 1985 to identify the position of solicitors in the eyes of the public. They questioned 1,000 people, 76 per cent of whom were house owners. The result did not make enjoyable reading.

Question: Where is the first place you would look when considering moving? Answer: Newspapers 14.3 per cent, estate agents 75.6 per cent, building society 7.8 per cent, solicitor Nil, others: 3 per cent.

Question: Who do you feel is most able to give you independent advice regarding a home move? Answer: Bank manager 14.2 per cent, estate agent 61.2 per cent, building society 13.9 per cent, solicitor 9.2 per cent, others 1.5 per cent.

Question: Do you feel solicitors charge too much? Answer: Yes 80.4 per cent, No 6.3 per cent, Don't know 13.3 per cent.

Of the 76 per cent who were home owners only 42.8 per cent said they used a solicitor regularly. They were then asked: Do you find your solicitor to be helpful and friendly? Yes, said 56.8 per cent, no said 43.2 per cent. Asked whether they found their solicitor too slow, 64.5 per cent said they did, while 33.1 per cent said they did not. Of all those surveyed, 92.3 per cent approved of an all-in-one package for moving house incorporating legal advice, insurance, and discounts on

services such as removals at "a highly competitive price".

With this in mind, the Home Buyers Group will launch a series of packages in the new year with the co-operation of other institutions such as banks, building societies and estate agents. They will also introduce a free telephone referral system and a consumer magazine.

In the meantime, the 800-strong group is busy expanding its nationwide network of solicitors.

Mr Goldsmith said: "We



"Mind you, we're doing our own conveyancing - we're working on a shoestring, of course."

want solicitors to be the first point of call in the house-buying process, not the last. Solicitors should be 'men of affairs' in an open and client-orientated environment. They must move ahead to the 21st century."

The results of the survey, however, show that some solicitors seem to have quite a long way to go to meet even present-day consumer demands.

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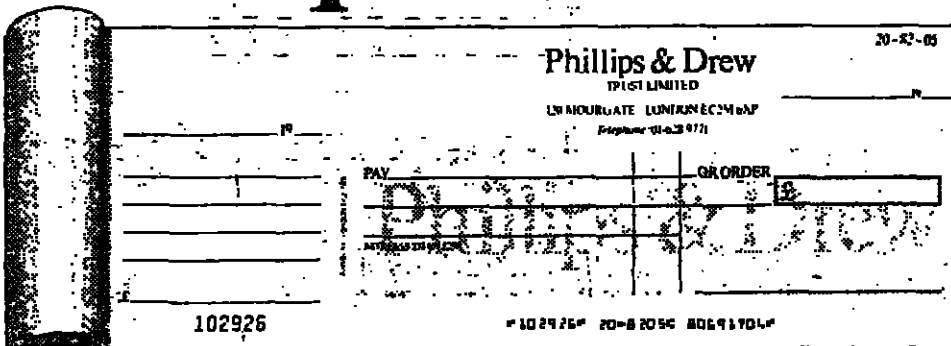
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Why pension-linked loans help in buying a house

The removal of life assurance premium relief from life policies in the last Budget means the most tax-efficient way of buying a house is now the pension-linked loan.

Initially these loans were available only to the self-employed and those in non-pensionable employment who were eligible for tax relief on contributions to a personal pension plan.

But the building societies and other lenders have become increasingly flexible and now it is possible to obtain a pension-linked loan - with all the tax concessions that go with it - if you are a contributory member of an Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVC) occupational pension scheme run by your employer.

Latest entrant is United Kingdom Provident, with an AVC-linked pension mortgage. You can borrow for a first mortgage, remortgage, consolidation of existing borrowing, extensions, improvements, school fees or purchase of second homes - and other suitable purposes will be considered.

Minimum loan is £15,000 and the loan must not exceed 90 per cent of the purchase price or valuation.

The other constraint is that the AVC scheme must not assume a growth rate of more than 12.5 per cent a year and contributions to the scheme in

any one year should not exceed 15 per cent of earned income.

The appeal of a pension-linked loan is that full tax relief at the highest rate paid is allowed on both the interest on the loan - up to the ceiling of £30,000 - and the contributions to the pension plan - whether it is an AVC or a personal pension.

For the higher rate taxpayer there are huge advantages in repaying a loan in this way. Interest only is paid during the life of the loan and the mortgage is eventually repaid out of the commuted cash sum available at retirement age from the pension plan.

Generally, pension-linked loans are most suitable for professional people such as solicitors, accountants and architects.

Linking a loan to an AVC scheme is really only suitable if you intend staying with your current employer for the rest of your career. If you are likely to change jobs, you could find that your new employer does not have an AVC scheme and you would then have to convert to a straight repayment loan. It could result in much higher monthly repayments.

Anyone contemplating a pension-linked home loan should consult a registered insurance broker or one of the British Insurance Brokers Association's authorized life and pension brokers.

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Battle for first-time buyers

BUILDING SOCIETIES

First-time home buyers may not have the most cash to spend but they are big borrowers and as such are welcomed by the banks and building societies.

Banks and building societies compete aggressively for this custom. Overall the share of the home loans market won by British banks is now 16 per cent. Foreign banks such as Chemical Bank, United Bank of Kuwait, First National Bank of Boston and Societe Generale de Paris, specialize in mortgages of more than £30,000.

But building societies are fighting back particularly in the first-time buyers market. Along with their rivals they are adding their own incentives to the Government's perk of £600 for the first-time buyer who has saved for two years with a recognized institution.

● **Building societies: cheaper rates**

The Newbury Building Society offers mortgages up to £20,000 at 0.25 per cent below its normal rate for first-time buyers. On 100 per cent endowment mortgages of not more than £25,000, Scarborough gives reduced rates - now 12.75 per cent endowment and repayments - for the mortgage term with three months' free insurance premiums.

This is not such a marvellous deal as several of the banks and building societies offer slightly cheaper loans - although not 100 per cent loans.

Investing for 12 months in the West of England Building Society gets a reduction of 0.75 per cent on rates for loans up to £20,000. The Furness Building Society's reduction is 0.5 per cent during the first 12 months for loans of £25,000, and embraces council tenants buying their own homes. Middleton Building Society gives reduced rates of 12.5 per cent in the first year and 12.75 per cent in the second year on repayment loans for first-time buyers.

Nottingham Building Society offers 1 per cent below normal interest rates for the first 12 months while Rowley Regis's reduction is 0.75 per cent for the same term. But check the rates of the big national societies because they may well still be cheaper.

● **Building societies: low start mortgages**

Other societies making similar concessions or low start mortgages include Bradford and Bingley. Applicants who have saved for six months and have 10 per cent of the purchase price get £75 off the first gross repayment.

Halifax uses the deposit to reduce monthly payments during the first three years of a mortgage to applicants aged under 35 and for loans up to £35,000. Harpenden's low-start scheme offers "interest-only" payments in the first five years to applicants aged under 35 for

BUILDING SOCIETIES OFFERING LOANS UNDER 12.75%

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| Buckinghamshire | 12.5 | under £57,500 |
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| Chesham | 12.5 | negotiable |
| Cheshunt | 12.65 | under £15,000 |
| Colchester | 12.5 | negotiable |
| Furness | 12.5 | under £14,750 |
| Frome Salwood | 12.5 | negotiable |
| Harley Economic | 12.5 | under £25,000 |
| Harle Bay | 12.5 | negotiable |
| Loughborough Permanent | 12.6 | under £30,000 |
| Penrith | 12.6 | under £30,000 |

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| United Bank of Kuwait | 12.5 | min £30,000 no max |
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| Middleton | 12.5 | first time buyers first year only |
| Newbury | 12.5 | first time buyers up to £20,000 |
| Nottingham | 11.75 | first time buyers first year only |
| Rowley Regis | 12.0 | first time buyers first year only |

Source: Bay's Mortgage Tables

loans up to £37,500 and up to 95 per cent of valuation.

● **Building societies: other schemes**

Most other incentives are for guaranteed mortgages or high multipliers. North Wiltshire Ridgway offers income multipliers of 25 per cent for the main and 1.25 per cent for secondary incomes for first-time buyers. The Leicester used to treat at least one partner of a divorced couple as a first-time buyer but its recent marriage to the Alliance may have changed attitudes.

● **Banks**

Incentives from the banks come in three forms: guaranteed mortgages; higher multipliers; and a high percentage of the purchase price.

The foreign banks' incentives are larger than average loans without paying a higher rate. The United Bank of Kuwait offers £40,000 loans on valuations between £50,000 and

£57,250 and 70 per cent on valuations above that figure.

Barclays lends qualifiers up to 95 per cent of value of purchase price; the Trustee Savings Bank, 95 per cent of value. Clydesdale Bank is unusual among the banks in offering to savers of two years, a mortgage rate 0.5 below the normal mortgage rate for five years.

National Westminster gives a bonus rate for mortgage savers who stay the course for 18 months.

The Co-operative offers "sponsorship" with the borrower sponsored - by a friend or relative - in form of a savings account which can be used as security for extra mortgage funds. This might be helpful for "friendly" couples contemplating a divorce. But loans to friends or relatives could be a minefield to the unwary.

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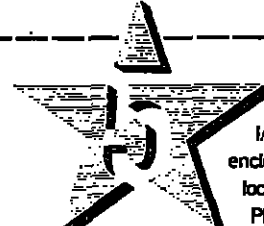
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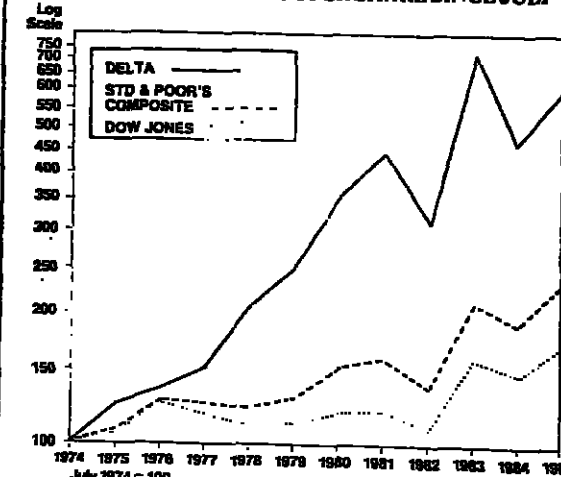
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FAMILY MONEY/16

Meal times that must not be missed

With only 12 weeks to go until the beginning of the office Christmas party season many restaurants are already fully booked.

Last year a party of 20 booked a table at a country club in Middlesex. Only 10 of the 20 arrived and they were two hours late. The management refused to serve any of them and brought an action in a small claims court for breach of contract.

The restaurant won and was awarded £215 representing 20 times the set menu price plus costs. The diners had 14 days to pay.

A restaurant does not have to accept your booking or serve you even if it is half empty. It is illegal, however, to refuse to serve you on the grounds of race, colour, sex or ethnic origin.

As soon as you book the table and the restaurant accepts the booking you are legally advised to turn up and the restaurant is legally obliged to provide the table. Either side may sue for

breach of contract if the obligation is not honoured.

The restaurant can look to you for compensation for the expense of keeping the table and claim for lost business.

Manny Franks, of the Restaurateurs' Association of Great Britain, says: "Popular restaurants may suffer as much as 10 per cent 'no shows' on a busy night. It is unfair to book in more than one restaurant for your night out."

"We do suggest to our members to take a telephone number for customers and ring them up on the day to ensure they are coming."

On the other hand, if the restaurant is overbooked the diner is entitled to sue. It is a good idea when you are booking for a large party to confirm the booking in writing.

Restaurants have to display their food and wine prices, which must include VAT, at or near the entrance. The food and wine on the menu should be described correctly. If a description or price is false or

misleading an action could be brought under the Trade Descriptions Act 1968.

It is an offence to describe wine as "chateau-bottled" if it was bottled in London. And a restaurant must provide a take-away service if it claims to offer it.

Some restaurants may try to hustle you out at busy times in order to re-use the table. But they have no right to insist that you leave. The table is yours for

Ignore the restaurant's threat to call the police

the night unless you previously agreed on a time limit.

What sort of standard of food, drink and service should you expect? When you eat in a restaurant you are entitled to wholesome food and drink of a reasonable standard. The standard may well depend on the price you are paying and the nature of the restaurant. You

cannot reasonably expect the same from a cheap hamburger café as a fashionable restaurant.

If there is a serious disparity between what you reasonably expected and what you received you are entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You can deduct a "fair" sum from the bill and the management would have to accept the payment or take legal proceedings against you.

It is a civil and not a criminal matter - unless you cause a breach of the peace.

You should, therefore, ignore any threat by the restaurant to call the police but you should show that you have the means to pay, give the reason for your complaint and leave your name and address. Alternatively, you could pay up there and then in full but "without prejudice to your legal rights". It would then be up to you to sue the restaurant.

Where a service charge is prominently mentioned on the menu you must pay it if the service is satisfactory. If you do

OF COURSE YOUR SOUP IS COLD - YOU'RE LATE!



not regard the service as reasonable you can reduce the percentage asked for. You need not pay at all if it was truly horrendous but you must give your reasons to the management. You should not be strong-armed or shamed into paying anything extra. Whether you leave a tip is up to you and not a matter of law.

Susan Fieldman

Lifting the bar on women who care

SOCIAL SECURITY

About 96,500 married or cohabiting women who stay at home to care for disabled relatives are likely to have cause to celebrate - they stand to gain between £21.50 and £23 per week for this, so far, unpaid work. And the payments could be backdated.

Invalid Care Allowance (ICA) is a benefit which is paid only to single women 16-60 or to men, married or otherwise, aged 16-65 who do not work or who have given up paid work, to stay at home caring for a severely disabled person.

Traditionally, married or cohabiting women have been barred from claiming the benefit. Instead their husbands or lovers are expected to provide for them, even if the disabled relative for whom the wife or mistress is caring is someone other than her husband or lover.

In 1979 the EEC issued a directive demanding equal treatment for men and women in the social security system. This came into force in December 1984. Although some changes were effected, the British Government has consistently argued that the directive has no effect on ICA.

As a result, this is now the only benefit which continues to discriminate explicitly against women on grounds of marital status.

Earlier this year, a group of

voluntary organizations, including the Child Poverty Action Group, the Spastics Society and the Disability Alliance, brought a test case on the issue to a Social Security Appeal Tribunal.

Mrs Drake had given up her job to look after her severely disabled elderly mother full-time. Mrs Drake was denied ICA because she was married. Instead, her husband was expected to support her.

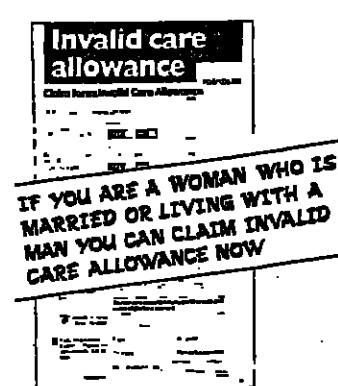
Judge Byrt, president of the appeal tribunal, ruled that the Government was in breach of the directive. The DHSS appealed to the social security Commissioners who in turn referred the case to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

The case will probably not be heard until next year. In the meantime, however, the European Commission was asked by the court to give an opinion on the issue.

The Commission recently reported that in its view the case does fall within the anti-discrimination provisions of the EEC directive, which rather leaves the British Government in an isolated position.

The voluntary organizations that sponsored Mrs Drake's case, are now confident that the European Court will uphold Judge Byrt's original ruling, thus opening the door to many thousands of women carers in a similar position.

Until the European Court actually confirms the decision,



IF YOU ARE A WOMAN WHO IS MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A MAN YOU CAN CLAIM INVALID CARE ALLOWANCE NOW

The Citizens' Advice Bureau poster, left, advising carers of their rights, and the leaflet prepared by the campaigning charity organizations, right, with more information

the DHSS will continue to withhold the benefit. However, if you claim now it could be well worth it in the future.

ICA is non-contributory and non-means-tested, although it is subject to tax and you must be living in Britain. The person for whom you are caring must be receiving attendance or constant attendance allowance. As carer, you must be providing at least 35 hours' care a week and therefore you cannot be in full-time employment or studying on a full-time basis.

Note, though, that you can receive up to £12 a week in part-time earnings and you can be studying part-time without losing entitlement to the benefit - provided you are not receiving £21.50 or more a week in training or other allowances.

MARRIED WOMEN SHOULD CLAIM INVALID CARE ALLOWANCE NOW

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If you think you qualify on these grounds but are likely to be barred because of your marital status, claim anyway - immediately. Ask for claim form NI 212. On Page A the form - specially designed to discourage married or cohabiting women from claiming - says: "Remember, women who are married or living with someone as if they are married cannot get ICA. Does this apply to you? YES or NO?"

Normally women who have to answer yes simply give up at this stage. However, in view of recent events married women should write underneath the YES/NO box: "I am married (cohabiting) but am claiming ICA because of the EEC directive on equal treatment." The DHSS will probably take

one of two courses. It may simply acknowledge your claim and tell you it will be held pending the outcome of Mrs Drake's case. Do nothing.

Alternatively, the DHSS may reject your claim. If so, appeal against the decision, again quoting the EEC directive.

If Mrs Drake is successful you will be entitled not only to receive ICA in the future but also payments backdated to the date of your claim. This is why it is important to get the claim in as soon as possible.

Linda Avery

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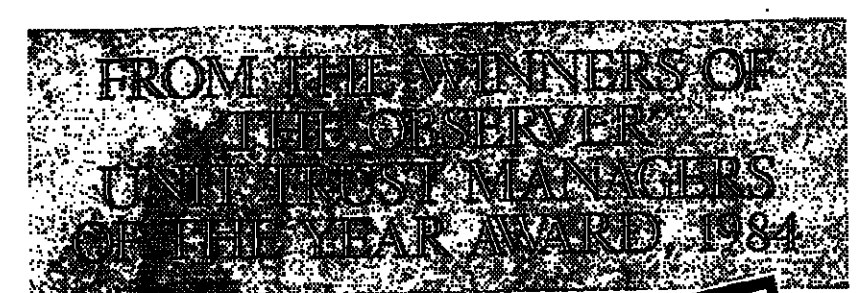
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Quiet rumble of discontent

"The unit trust industry has lost its way," Paddy Ross, of Framlington Unit Trust Managers, says. He is not alone in his view. Both inside and outside the industry there are sounds of discontent at how things have gone during the past decade.

It was only in July this year that unit trusts managed triumphantly to claw their way back to the same number of accounts they had in the early 1970s before the bear market forced heavy sales by investors. Three cheers for unit trusts?

"It sounds good," Mr Ross says, "but the important thing is the number of investors, not the number of accounts. Everything points to the fact that unit trusts still have fewer investors than in 1970. The typical investor has in the region of four accounts spread across different fund management companies."

His contention is that unit trusts have failed to broaden their client base. They still appeal only to a relatively small number of sophisticated investors and not, as they should, to the public.

"Unit trusts are a little riskier than building society accounts, or other popular risk-free investments. But they should not be ignored, as they are, by so many people. We haven't

been very successful in getting to new investors," he says.

There are many reasons for this. One is a marked change in how unit trusts are marketed. In the 1970s the typical method of selling units was through direct advertising to investors. Now the favoured method has swung powerfully towards brokers and other intermediaries.

According to one calculation, £8 million was spent advertising the units sold compared with £50 million spent on commissions to brokers selling units to their clients. The big unit trust companies, such as Save & Prosper, have put their weight heavily behind broker selling.

The trouble with that, say critics within the industry, is that brokers are used by a small number of experienced investors. It means that management companies have concentrated on poaching one another's investors, not in broadening the whole field from which investors are drawn.

A further source of disquiet is the "flavour of the month" style of unit trust marketing. During the past few months, for example, a plethora of trusts specializing in European stock markets - and West Germany in particular - have been launched. European markets have undoubtedly been per-



forming impressively recently but there are problems.

"There is a danger in following the herd," says Roger Jennings, marketing director of M&G Securities. "Unit trusts should be investment-led, not just marketing-orientated. Two years ago I wanted to launch a high technology fund as everyone else was, but the investment team would not allow it."

Eighteen months ago high technology stocks fell heavily on world stock markets, leaving investors who had been tempted into these risky vehicles severely out of pocket.

Only last week Foreign & Colonial launched a new European Income Fund. It is a fashionable move, but hardly a sensible investment. The attraction of most foreign markets - those in Europe included - are the capital gains to be made when conditions are right.

But that implies a relatively high capital risk, and that is not the place to put money on which you want to earn income. Arguably, the most sensible type of income fund is the straightforward general UK trust.

As well as tempting investors into highly speculative funds, this method of selling may also be tempting them into highly unprofitable ones. The danger of promoting specialized areas which have done well recently is that they may not have much improvement in them.

It is the phenomenon of "selling at the top of the market" when it is easy for management companies to attract funds on good recent market performance. When the bubble bursts it is the optimistic investors who suffer.

"There is a tendency to sell at the top of the market on occasions," Mr Jennings concedes. But he points out that investors generally look at recent performance figures to determine their choice of funds. Unit trust investors should regard their holdings as a long-term investment and look further back in performance terms than the past six months.

"This is why M&G has just launched its specialist investment portfolio," he says. "We don't tell people which fund they should be investing in. They must take their own risk and decide which markets they want to be in."

The portfolio offers a choice of 12 specialist funds with a discount on switching between them. After that it is up to the investor to make his own choice.

The heavy cavalry - mainly in the form of big insurance companies such as the Prudential which have experience of selling to wide audiences - is riding in. Earlier this year the Pru launched two trusts to be marketed through its huge sales force to less sophisticated investors.

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The return from unit-linked policies where the return is probably more directly comparable with a unit trust regular savings scheme is still considerably below the unit trust schemes.

Perhaps more important it was almost impossible not to have done better than the traditional savings schemes, the with-profits policies, over the past 10 years. Of the 62 UK general unit trusts on offer as

Flexible scheme for a bear market

regular savings schemes, all but one did better than the best performing with-profits policies, so it really did not matter which one you chose.

It is true that the past 10 years have been quite remarkable for unit trusts with an almost consistently rising stock market, and that in a prolonged bear market, the unit trusts might not have fared so well compared with the with-profit endowment.

But the unit trust regular savings scheme has the flexibility to deal with this. If you start to save now in a unit trust,

and three years down the line the stockmarket looks like collapsing, there are no surrender penalties for cashing in your units and moving your money into the building society.

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The only drawback to a unit trust regular savings scheme is that not all the groups offer this facility and some of those that do not are among the best performers.

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you get a 30 per cent boost from the taxman. (Parents cannot covenant to their own children under the age of 18.)

A grandparent covenanting £20 a month to a grandchild

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hands over £14 having deducted basic rate tax at source. The child, provided he or she is a non-taxpayer is able to reclaim from the taxman the £6 a month deducted at source by

the grandparent and therefore has £20 a month to invest.

In practice it does not work quite like that because the child cannot reclaim the tax until the end of the year so someone will have to subsidize the child's investment in the unit trust scheme until the tax rebate has been claimed. A grandparent wanting to give a child a net £20 a month would have to make the covenant for £28.57.

Many of the unit trust groups have ready made Deced of Covenant forms especially for this purpose.

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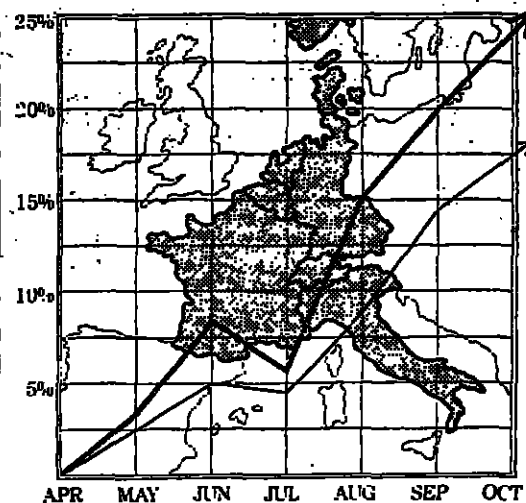
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Word of caution for the future on unit trusts

Unit trust investors who made the right choice of fund 12 months ago are now laughing all the way to the bank. Investment conditions in most of the world's main stock markets have produced some impressive returns. But now may be the time for unit holders to step back and consider the future with a cautious eye.

One of the best investment areas has been our own domestic market where the bull phase has lasted since the beginning of the year. The FT ordinary share index has hit successive record highs, breaching the barrier of 1,000 several times compared with a level of 860 a year ago. Not surprisingly, UK growth funds have done particularly well. Many have increased their value by more than 40 per cent. The FS Balanced Growth has achieved an astonishing 113 per cent rise. Europe has been a high

"There is always a danger that when the performance of funds is good, people are tempted to over-invest." Often it is the high growth, high risk funds which look most attractive but it is these which will suffer most if and when the bull market phase ends.

In Britain there is the further factor of an approaching general election for investors to consider. Though it is still some way off any weakness in the market may well be aggravated further if investors, particularly the big institutions, become worried at the possible outcome. There is, in any case, always uncertainty in the stock market when election time approaches.

Mr Tregoning, like many other fund managers, therefore, believes that a liberal dose of caution is required. "People should always have a rainy day fund - something safe." But for people willing to take a risk there is an expanding area of choice.

'High-growth funds will suffer most'

In the last few weeks a cluster of new European trusts has appeared. The most recent include GT Germany, Mercury European, Brown Shipley European, F&C European Income and Lloyds Bank German Growth fund. The emphasis in most European funds is on the West German stock market which is expanding rapidly with encouragement from the Government.

"South-east Asia is also a good place to look for the riskier investment," says Mr Tregoning. "But instead of going for a fund investing in a single market in the area, choose one which can switch flexibly between several, such as Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia, as conditions require."

"I would also go for a gold fund," he adds. But this is only for investors willing to take a two or three year view. Many investment experts believe that the current troubles in South Africa have depressed South African mining company shares so far that now is the time to pick up bargains.

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INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

Banks
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| Fund | Net | CIAR | Telephone |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|-------------|
| Alkan Home monthly inc. | 8.22 | 8.64 | 01 636 6070 |
| Barclays Higher Rate | 8.22 | 8.53 | 01 628 8080 |
| Deposits | 8.50 | 8.75 | 01 626 1567 |
| £1,000-£9,999 | 8.50 | 8.75 | 01 626 1567 |
| £10,000 & over | 8.21 | 8.54 | 01 588 2777 |
| Cater Allen call | 8.21 | 8.54 | 01 588 2777 |
| HFC Trust 7 day | 8.21 | 8.54 | 01 588 2777 |
| Handerson Money Market | 8.22 | 8.53 | 01 636 6070 |
| Chesque Account | 8.21 | 8.54 | 01 628 4558 |
| £1 & 6 p.c.a. | 8.21 | 8.54 | 01 628 4558 |
| Midland High Int | 8.00 | 8.24 | 0742 20999 |
| Chesque Account | 8.00 | 8.24 | 0742 20999 |
| £2,000-£9,999 | 8.25 | 8.51 | 0742 20999 |
| £10,000 & over | 8.25 | 8.51 | 0742 20999 |
| Oppenheimer Money Management | 8.22 | 8.48 | 01 236 9382 |
| Account | 8.22 | 8.48 | 01 236 9382 |
| Oppenheimer M.M. | 8.21 | 8.55 | 01 236 9382 |
| over £10,000 | 8.21 | 8.55 | 01 236 9382 |
| S & P call | 8.10 | 8.45 | 0705 927753 |
| Shroder Wagg | 8.35 | 8.70 | 0705 927753 |
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| over £10,000 | 8.32 | 8.62 | 0705 927753 |
| Tullet & Riley call | 8.35 | 8.65 | 01 236 0562 |
| S & P call | 8.35 | 8.65 | 01 236 0562 |
| Tyndal call | 8.35 | 8.65 | 0272 732241 |
| Tyndal 7 day | 8.25 | 8.50 | 0272 732241 |
| Western trust | 8.40 | 8.67 | 01 626 4881 |
| 1 month | 8.30 | 8.54 | 0762 281161 |
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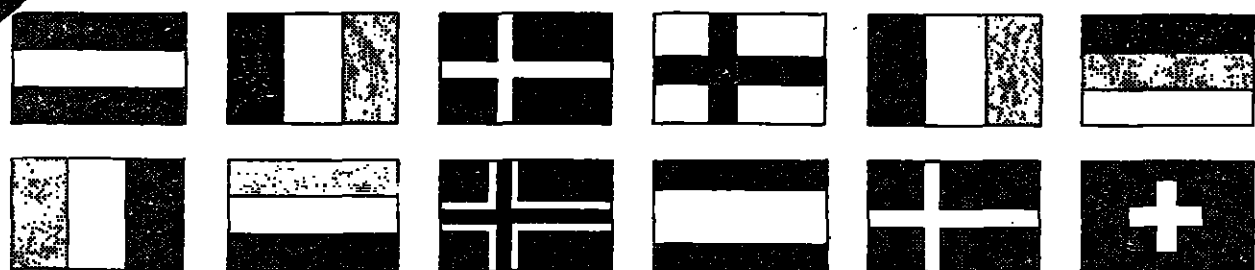
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 Lloyd's Hawksmoor (TV, 10.30 pm).

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1.00 Irish Angle – Hands. Part four of the series on Irish crafts features curragh building.

1.30 Face the Press. The chairman of the Arts Council, Sir William Rees-Mogg is questioned by Anthony Howard of the Observer and Michael Billington of The Guardian. Gillian Reynolds is in the chair.

2.00 Pob's Programme. Children's programme about a magic puppet.

2.30 Film: The Unholy Three* (1930) starring Lon Chaney, in his last film and only 'talkie' as a carnival ventriloquist who joins forces with three other carnival characters and embarks on a life of crime. Directed by Jack Conway.

3.50 Film: Dangerous Female* (1931) starring Ricardo Cortez and Bebe Daniels. A rare showing of the first version of the thriller. The Mallase Falcon. Directed by Roy Del Ruth.

5.15 News summary and weather followed by **The Business Programme.** A new series begins with a look behind the scenes in the take camps of the Allied Lyons/Elders IXL, however battle. Plus a preview of Northernpton's cashless shopping experiment.

6.00 American Football. Dallas Cowboys play the New York Giants.

7.15 The Heart of the Dragon. Part five of the 12-programme series on China and the Chinese focuses on food. The film shows the extraordinary flexibility of the Southern Chinese who eat armadillo, monkey brains and cats and dogs – in marked contrast to the less exotic, more frugal fare of the rest of the country. (r).

8.15 The Jewel in the Crown. Episode four and the rushed arrangements for Susan's and Freddie's wedding are threatened. (Oracle) (r).

8.15 Film: The Fall of the House of Usher* (1928) starring Francis X. Bushy. The film of Leoncavallo's opera about a group of strolling players in Calabria. Zeffirelli has set the scene in the Thirties, with Carlo, the leader of the troupe, being sung by Placido Domingo. With the chorus and orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conducted by Georges Pretre.

10.35 10 Minute TV: Dorothy and Eileen. An innovative dance work about two women having an intimate conversation about their mothers.

10.50 Film: The Face Behind the

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| <p>The first of a six part musical biography of the composer's life.</p> | <p>Enoch prohibits the singing duo, Frank Chickens (r).</p> | <p>starring the late Orson Welles as an ace black-marketeer.</p> | <p>Mask" (1941) starring Peter Lorre as an Hungarian immigrant who takes to a life of crime after his face is</p> |
| <p>12.00 The Sky at Night presented by</p> | <p>12.00 Battered Wives, Shattered Lives. A documentary about</p> | <p>11.50 Music at Night. Robert Cohan (cello) plays Sarabande from</p> | |

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A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

Golden mouldies

Troops are mobilizing all over the country for the great English cheese conflict. Pearson Phillips answers the call to battle and meets the heroes of the latest campaign to save our traditional fare

An item of sombre news is being digested by the members of a certain elite circle. "Have you heard? Mrs Longstaff is giving up. Thank goodness for the Bottomleys."

Who is this unhappy elite? They are Cheese Fogeys, otherwise known as Cheese Bogs. They have also, unkindly, been called Cheese Bots. They are spreading like the mould through a well-made piece of Stilton. You will recognize them by the fact that they may well have wires attached to metal handles displayed in their kitchens. These are Reynolds Patent Cheese-cutters, the mark of the hard-cheese aficionado.

Real English cheese is their thing, although they will not turn their noses away from a piece from Wales, Scotland, the Orkneys, Ireland, or even, at a pinch, France, provided that it passes their particular tests.

Among the most important of these is that they should know the name of the person who made the cheese, the breed of cow, sheep or goat that supplied the milk and even the nature and position of the grass the beasts consumed and the season during which they consumed it. They can interpret it all from the marks and numbers stamped on the outside of a cheese, like a wine buff reading a wine label.

They have their heroes and their heroines. Some talk of Miss Betsy Mudd, famous for her Wensleydale until she died in 1960 at the age of 83. She was making it until a few days before the end. And remember Mrs Haines and her Double Gloucesters? They won the championship cup nine years running at the Gloucester Show before the war.

Before the war - ah, those were the days. That was before an act of barbarism was committed by a certain Professor Capstick, one of the anti-heroes of "real cheese". He it was (so the folklore has it) who advised Lord Woolton, the Minister of Reconstruction, that all milk should be diverted away from the likes of Mrs Haines and Miss Mudd, and sent to the cheese factories for turning into national utility cheese.

It was a blow from which the art of the well-tempered farmhouse cheese is only just, thanks to the current "real cheese" campaign, beginning to recover.

There are occasional setbacks, however. The retirement of the aforementioned Mrs Longstaff is one of them. She has devoted a lifetime to making Swaledale, one of the great Dales cheeses, having learnt the art from her mother. She did not make much. She only had two cows. But now she is about to give up altogether and at a stroke the supplies of genuine Swaledale will be reduced by 50 per cent.

But there are still the Bottomleys. Vernon Bottomley and his wife produce the other 50 per cent of Swaledale. He is one of a growing number of people who have heard the call of real cheese so strongly that they have set about making the stuff themselves. He has retired from accountancy to a farm with a herd of Jerseys which pasture on Melbeck Moor on the north side of the River Swale.

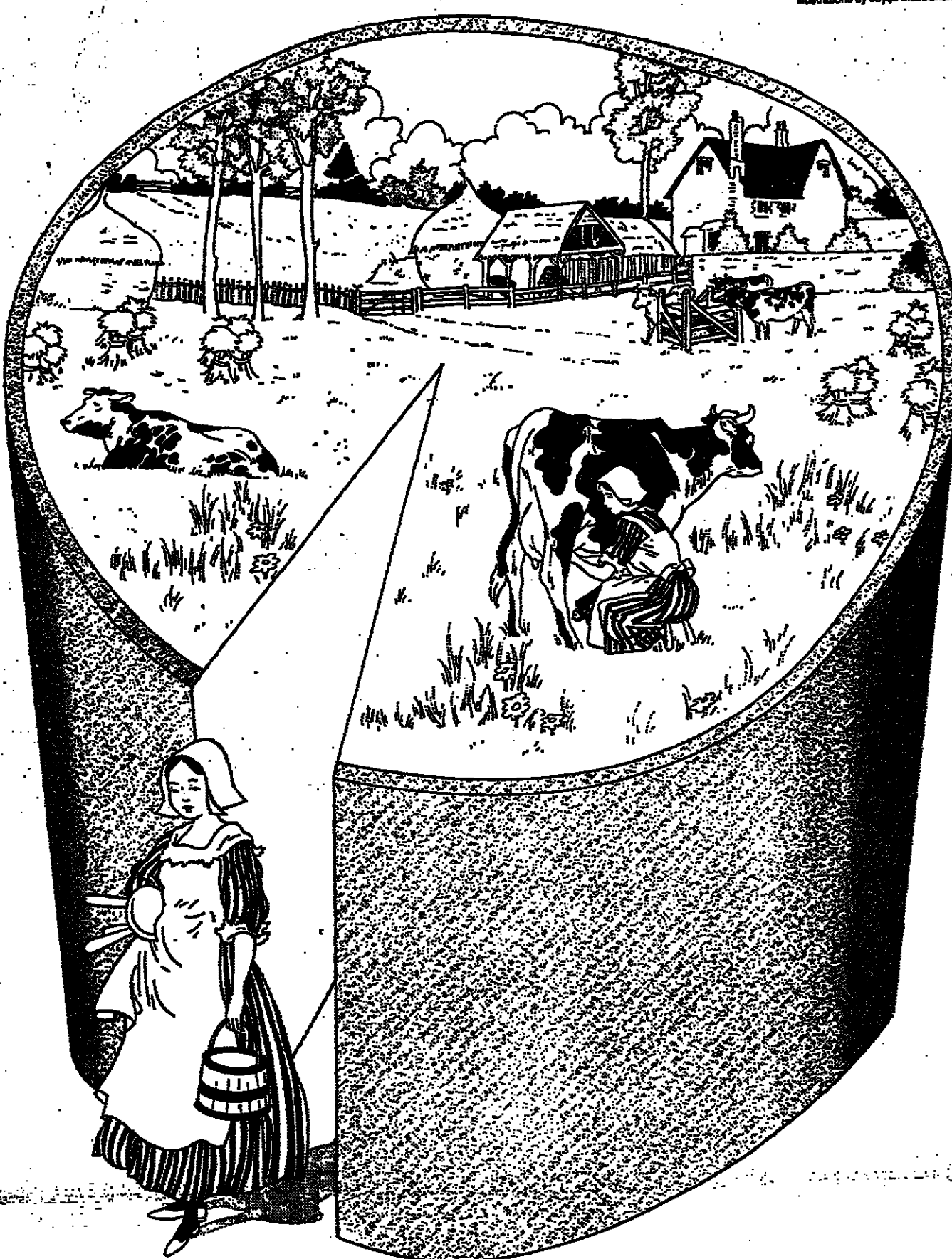
So what, exactly, is going on? There is no cause for alarm. We are merely in the grip of another of those eruptions of consumer taste which have recently begun to puncture the bland progress of the mass-market food industry. The battles for beer and bread have been fought and won. Now the troops are mobilizing for the great cheese conflict.

Leading the troops is a delightful, monocled major, Pat Rance to his friends and "dear old Patrick" to executives of the Milk Marketing Board, who are supposed to be the "enemy". Major Rance is the fountain of real cheese lore. You can hire him for £100 to give a 50-minute lecture with display of over 30 British cheeses from his cheese shop in Stratley, Berkshire.

While I was being given a free lecture among the cheeses and cheese mites (harmless pests which taste of, curiously, in his cellar, a call came through from the United States. Would he be prepared to help spread the wisdom over there? Real Farmhouse English cheddar can command \$7 a pound in New York.

Major Rance has written *The Great British Cheese Book*, the bible of the movement. It is a magnificent work, embracing everything, including how to use a wire cheese-cutter.

He is now at work on a



Tasting the smart end of the wedge

Like any man of the world facing the moment of decision, the true cheese lover must betray no sign of nerves or bewilderment when confronting the riotous profusion of a specialist cheese counter. You have certain rights and must exercise them.



The golden rule is never buy anything you have not tasted. Asking for "a taste" will inform the cheese-seller you are someone who knows what is what.

On being handed a sliver of your selected cheese on a knife, do not immediately put it into your mouth. There are things to be done beforehand. Ask a few questions. What is its date? What farm does it come from?

You will have been examining the rind or casing of the cheese while your sliver was being cut. Any unpleasant bumps or swellings, denoting secondary fermentation? What does the inside look like? If it has holes, are they the right size? Is it sticky or crumbly? Is the colour right?

Then examine the piece that has been cut and apply to your nose. Is the aroma what it ought to be?

Finally, place a piece on the tip of the tongue and press it upwards against the palate. How does it feel? Too hard? Too soft and sticky? What about the after-taste, which will take a few seconds to arrive on the palate? Too sharp and metallic? Too mild? Nothing there at all?

If all is well you will buy. If not, you must request a taste of something else...

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Orkney Farmhouse from Shapinsay (Queen Mother's favourite).
Dorset Blue Vinney.
Warkleigh from Devon.
Colston Basset Blue Stilton.
Hand-made Camembert from the Pays d'Auge.
Double Gloucester made from milk of Gloucester cattle.
Swaledale.
Cotswold.
Farmhouse Unpasteurized Cheddar made by Lord Chewton at Chewton Mendip or from Manor Farm, North Cadbury. Any local goat's cheese from "down the road".

OUT

Danish Blue.
Edam.
New Zealand Cheddar.
Gorgonzola.
Gruyère.
Lynwood.
Factory Brie.
Factory Camembert.
Block Cheddar.
Stilton in "giff" pots.
Anything "pasteurized".
Anything wrapped in silver paper.

TOP SHOPS

Wells Stores, Stratley-on-Thames, Berkshire (0491 872367). 150 cheeses by post.
Neal's Yard Dairy, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-378 7648).
Paxton & Whiteley, 88 Jermyn Street, London SW1 (01-330 0259).
Palms, 84 Covered Market, Oxford.
Glencairn Market (Mon and Fri).
Charles Martell, Home-made, Double and Single Gloucester.
Post Office Stores, Cotswolds, County Durham. Occasional source of rare local Cotswolds Cheese.
Shephard Farm, Ashington, near Tynes, Devon. Home-produced Cheddar.
The Farmhouse English Cheese Information Service, is located at Hesketh House, Portman Square, London W1.



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Mastering the art of cheese-speak

A cheese counter. A multitude of cut and uncut cheeses of all shapes and colours are arranged on straw matting. Most have pieces of paper on them bearing names and dates. Larger cylinders of cheese are visible in the background.

The white-coated cheese-seller is male and middle aged. Enter a customer: greying, upright, soldierly, carrying a string shopping bag. He has left his black Labrador outside.

"Morning, Colonel. What can I offer you today?"

"Got the wife's sister dining, so we'll need a woman's cheese. Something mild and soft that won't be a total disgrace to me cheeseboard. One of Mr Crisp's little masterpiece, perhaps?"

"Could I suggest this... (reaches for a small, round, flat cheese with a reddish mould on the rind and begins to cut off a thin sliver).

"None of your new-fangled Parley's nonsense, is it?" (Eyeing it suspiciously).

"You know me better than that, Colonel." (Hands him the piece balanced on the knife).

"From a French cow, I would say." (He looks at it in the palm of his hand, prods it with a little finger, lowers his nose to it and inhales, finally breaking a piece off, placing it on the tip of his tongue and pressing it against the roof of his palate while simultaneously sucking in air.) "Strange. At first I thought it was that factory stuff from the



average you tried to palm me off with the other week...

"St Nectaire?"

"That's the stuff. Holy nectar! More like Unholy nectar! But this is better. Melts well. Interesting mouldy bouquet. Tangy after-taste. Known the inside of a farmer's cheese vat, I wouldn't wonder."

"Exactly. It's a farmhouse St Nectaire." They are starting up

again down there. Putting the factories out of business...

"Dams good thing, too. At least the French have got that right. A bit above my sister-in-law's head, but I'll take it. Now I'll need something a bit sharper and a good strong blue to finish."

"The first farmhouse Gruyères of the season are in..."

1. John Crisp, The Farmhouse, Newmarket, Gloucestershire, makes the popular, mild, Stale Gloucester, semi-soft and succulent, partly using milk from rare, traditional Gloucester cattle whose small fat pockets are particularly good for cheese-making.

2. The South London members of Parley is the ironic term some cheese-lovers give to any industrial pseudo-cheese product. It is the headquarters of a brand of cheese spread (of mid-twentieth century use of "cheese").

3. "Van" can mean both the traditional

open tub in which farmhouse cheese is prepared and the moulds in which it is shaped.

4. St Nectaire suffered a so-back in popularity when creameries began making it with pasteurized milk. But an increasing number of farms are now making it with unpasteurized milk.

5. The best Gruyères is said to be produced by the flowers of the mountain meadows in which the cows are put out in spring. It needs a six months curing, so only St Nectaire early October are the best months to buy.

6. The Colonel is being over-pasturized. Even of the Plaines de Lorraine become pregnant around July and stop giving their milk (which is the basis of real Roquefort). The cheese rises from months to years. So it won't be until after October that Roquefort will be sold made with milk brought in from elsewhere.

7. After virtual extinction traditional, low-fat farmhouse-made Blue Vinney from Dorset is again being made at Higher Knotter Farm, Wiltshire.

"No, thanks. In my view the Swiss are too keen on hygiene to make a cheese with character."

"And for the blue, there is the Roquefort."

"Too late for the local ewes. Let's come back to Britain. Is that a genuine farmhouse Vinney? What's the Stilton situation?"

(The cheese-seller takes a different, longer sharper knife from a pot of hot water sitting on the counter, and begins cutting slivers from several blue-veined cheeses, carefully wiping the knife after each operation. The Colonel performs his routine on each piece, most of which earn a short, sharp, crotchety comment, before he finds what he is looking for.)

"Metal polish... wrenched untimely from the cellar... carbolic... nothing to say for itself. Now this looks more promising. A rich, dark yellow. And the bugs have done their job. A good covering of greeny-blueish veins. Nice brown coat. Smooth, firm flesh. And that deep, dusky flavour. Unpasteurized, for sure. One of Colston Basset's, I'd say. Cut me a good wedge. And I'll take some of Lauce Appleby's Cheshire to lead up to it."

"Certainly, Colonel. It's a pleasure to serve someone who knows his cheese."

"Yes, but more important is to know a cheesemonger who knows his cheese. Good day to you."



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Planes take the strain

FARE DEALS

Business is booming for Britain's domestic air services, despite a recent increase in fares. The big growth is on the routes connecting London with Manchester, Belfast, Edinburgh and Glasgow. British Airways Super Shuttle flights, for example, have carried more than five million passengers in just over two years.

The rate of growth shows no sign of diminishing, with BA claiming a steady 10 per cent increase on all shuttle services and Dan Air, B Cal and British Midland Airways (BMA) also reporting healthy loads.

Why is domestic air travel so popular in these recessionary times? Since the Government allowed independent airlines like Dan Air and BMA the freedom to compete, service standards all round are higher, and the competition has brought fares tailored to all categories of traveller.

On the Super Shuttle external routes free drinks, snacks/meals and newspapers have become normal for all airlines.

In fact BA now serve free drinks on all domestic flights. There are lower fares if you travel at off-peak times, APEX (Advance Purchase Excursion) rates if you can plan ahead, and stand-by and late booking fares for travellers who need not arrive at a specific time.

You therefore pay for flexibility. The businessman travelling to Edinburgh and not sure when he wants to fly will pay as much as £130 return. A leisure traveller planning his trip wisely would pay just £69. This compares with rail fares of between £112 first class return and £42 ordinary return for the restricted "Inter-city saver".

Such fares have stimulated new business as well as enticing

people away from surface transport. Many business travellers have deserted British Rail because of recent poor reliability while leisure travellers are increasingly prepared to pay more for convenience. For example, if you live on the south coast and are heading for Scotland it is much easier to fly from your local airport than to travel to a central London station.

Domestic air travel is keenly priced. As the accompanying chart shows, there are bargains available for those who choose their flights carefully.

Alex McWhirter

The author is Travel Editor of Business Traveller.

OPTIONS ON MAIN ROUTES FROM STANSTED

| | Airline | Normal one-way | Apex return |
|-----------|---------|----------------|-------------|
| Aberdeen | Air UK | £77 | £134 |
| Edinburgh | Air UK | £96 | £113 |

Apex: Book 30 days ahead. Minimum stay is a Saturday night.

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OPTIONS ON MAIN ROUTES FROM HEATHROW

| | Airline | Normal one-way | Day return | Off-peak one-way | Stand-by one-way | Off-peak Stand-by | Excursion return | Apex return |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Aberdeen | BA | £73 | - | £49 | £39 | - | £96 | £75 |
| Belfast | BA | £65 | £98 | £49 | £43 | - | £105 | £85 |
| | BMA | £61 | £112 | £44 | £43 | £40 | £105 | £79 |
| Edinburgh/Glasgow | BA | £66 | £100 | £50 | £43 | - | £109 | £76 |
| | BMA | £62 | £112 | £43 | £43 | £40 | £109 | £69 |
| Manchester | BA | £50 | - | £43 | £40 | - | £86 | £55 |
| | Dan Air (DA) | £48 | - | - | - | - | £82 | - |
| Newcastle | BA | £59 | - | £42 | £37 | - | £78 | £61 |

* Note: other Dan Air fares include a one-way excursion for £41, one-way Apex for £31 and a £62 Late-purchase return.

Normal one-way: No restrictions.

Day Return: With BMA valid on all flights. With BA valid selected flights Monday to Friday; all flights Saturday/Sunday.

Off-peak: Valid on selected flights only. For BA Shuttle flights buy your ticket before departure. For BMA and other BA destinations buy your ticket before arrival at airport.

Stand-by: Valid on selected flights only. Check with the airline.

Excursions: Minimum stay Saturday night, maximum one month. Restricted flights.

Apex: Book 14 days ahead. Minimum stay Saturday night (except flights to Edinburgh/Glasgow). Restricted flights.

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OPTIONS ON MAIN ROUTES FROM GATWICK

| | Airline | Normal one-way | Excursion one-way | Apex one-way | Stand-by | Apex Weekend | Excursion return | Senior Citizen fare |
|-------------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Aberdeen | DA a) | £74 | £55 | £44 | - | - | - | - |
| Edinburgh/Glasgow | B.Cal | £68 | - | £40 | £48 | £69 | £109 | £72 |
| Newcastle | DA | £59 | £48 | £38 | - | - | - | - |
| Belfast | DA b) | £62 | £48 | £40 | - | - | £96 | - |
| Manchester | B.Cal | £52 | - | £39 | - | £55 | £87 | £56 |

Notes: other Dan Air fares are: a) Aberdeen £44 one-way Late-saver, book on day of travel

b) Belfast £80 Late Purchase return, book within 14 days of travel

Excursion one-way: Capacity controlled, otherwise no other restrictions.

Apex one-way: Book 10 days ahead with B.Cal, 14 days with Dan Air.

Apex weekend: Valid for one month. Travel out Friday/Saturday, return Sunday.

Excursion: Minimum stay Saturday night, maximum one month.

Senior Citizen fare: Valid on selected flights for return travel only.

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OUT AND ABOUT

Booking a treat for railway children

The book train is coming to town, beckoning parties of children on board to inspect its crew of authors and illustrators and people dressed up as Postman Pat and Fungus the Bogeyman. And to look at lots of books.

Children's Book Week (today until October 19) is the biggest children's book promotion ever staged in Britain, trying to convey to the widest possible audience the message that reading is fun. Television will be joining in, through *Blue Peter* and *Saturday Superstore* and even ITN's *News at One*, which is using the work of children's illustrators Jan Pienkowski and Anthony Browne with the daily weather item.

British Rail has entered into the spirit of the venture by entrusting the sides of the Book Week train to an army of enthusiastic child painters. The result is a new and unorthodox livery described by the National Book League as "wham, bam, splat in primary colours".

The train leaves Euston this morning and will stop at more than 1,500 miles in eight days. At each stop parties of children will spend some 20 minutes meeting authors and illustrators, entering competitions and, if all goes well, buying books. They have been asked to bring at least £1.50 to spend.

The timetable allows them another 20 minutes to enjoy sideshows on the platforms and exchange a few words with the

W. H. Smith robot before the next party arrives. Altogether the exercise will involve some 8,000 children and cost £70,000.

It is happening at an opportune time. School inspectors and others in education claim there has been a marked decline in children's leisure reading. The Book Week, going national this year for the first time since it started in 1977, is an attempt to reverse the trend.

Says Martyn Goff, director of the National Book League: "We

hope that as a result of our efforts, publishers, booksellers and librarians will take children's books more seriously and that the children will realise how much fun, information and stimulation reading can provide".

Admission to the train will normally be by ticket only. The exceptions are at Stirling station tomorrow (3.30-5.30pm) and Aberdeen station on Monday (4-6pm). The train's other stops are at York, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Carlisle, Man-

chester, Crewe, Birmingham, Hereford, Cardiff, Swansea, Plymouth, Exeter, Bristol and Southampton.

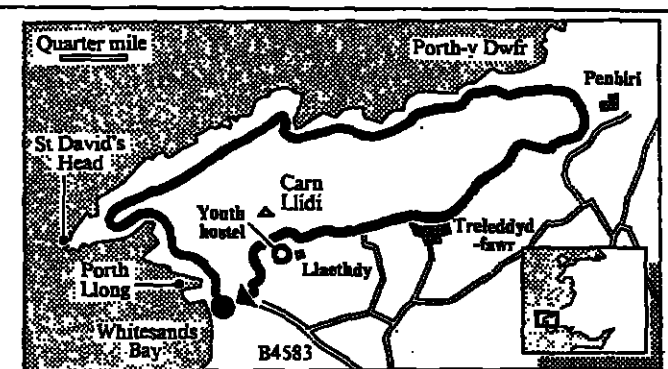
Backing up the train are hundreds of events in schools, libraries and bookshops. Local newspaper will carry the details. It promises to be quite a week.

Susan Corbett

Further information from: Children's Book Week, National Book League, Book House, 45 East Hill, Wandsworth, London SW18 (01-874 6361).

WEEKLY WALKS

St David's Head is way out west: the local weather forecast tells them what passed over two hours earlier. It also happens to be one of the pearls of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path. Start at the Whitesands Bay car park, about two miles north-west of St David's. Following the path is no problem as it hugs the coast (all the way to Cardigan if you so desire). The Head itself is on a there-and-back reach of sea; as you return seawards, the view of Carn Llidi is like that of Snowdonia, but seagirt. Geologically, the two are identical; in front of Carn Llidi are field patterns dating back to the Iron Age. About half a mile beyond the Head and well below it is Porth Llong. As long means ship, this was



presumably a smugglers' way of Treleddyf-fawr to Llanthely (which means dairy). The St David's youth hostel. This is a pedestrian staging post for the connoisseur, and its superb breakfasts are ample justification for YHA membership. Turn right at the end of the hostel lane to return to the car park. Use either Ordnance Survey map 157, or the HMSO guide to the Pembrokeshire Coast Path. Iain Liddell

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OUTINGS

THE WILDLIFE GARDEN - AN AUTUMN SYMPOSIUM. Organized by the Cumbria Trust for Nature Conservation on such subjects as "Growing Wild Flowers from Seed", and "Gardening for Wildlife". Tea and biscuits. Laithe School, Crosswaite, Keswick, Cumbria. Further information from the CTCN (0966 32476). Today, 10am-5pm. Admission £1, family ticket £1.50.

WARWICK OX ROAST AND MOP. No servants for hire as once there were, but jollifications in the streets and the annual ox roast. Warwick, Warwickshire. Further information (0926 492212). Today and this evening. Free.

TATTON CONTEMPORARY CRAFT AND DESIGN SHOW. Fifty-five exhibitors, each showing a full collection of work: textiles, jewellery, porcelain, painting, glass, toys and furniture - with demonstrations of furniture making, ancient and modern. Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire. Further information (061 928 9146). Today, tomorrow, 10am-8.30pm. Admission 80p, car park £1.

FINCHCOCKS FAIR. Last chance this year to visit Finchcocks. Frequent musical interludes during the fair, which hosts more than 60 stands. Finchcocks, Goudhurst, Kent (0580 211702). Today, tomorrow, 11am-6pm. Adult £1.50, child £1.

THE WEAVERS OF ANCIENT PERU. Major exhibition of Peruvian weaving and tapestries with some spectacular Inca items and a 2,000-year-old mummy from the Paracas culture. Two craftsmen from the High Andes will be demonstrating their techniques throughout the exhibition.

The Art Gallery, Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 (01-803 4535). Today until Oct 28, daily 10am-5.30pm. Adult £1, child 50p.

ASHTON AND WORLD CONKER CHAMPIONSHIPS. It hasn't been the best year for conkers but 128 competitors will try to become champions at this annual event, from which all proceeds go to charity. Stalls and entertainers. The Village Green, Ashton, near Oundle, Cambridgeshire. Further information from Richard Howard (0832 73494). Tomorrow from 10am. Spectators free, car park £1.

BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION. Some 130 stands representing dealers and post offices from home and abroad. Approximately 400 frames of stamps - including 40 by junior philatelists - worth over £1 million. Royal Horticultural Society Halls, Vincent Square, London SW1. Further information from the British Philatelic Society (01-930 6465). Tues, 1pm-8pm, Wed-Fri, 10.30am-8pm, Oct 19, 20, 10.30am-6pm. Admission first day £2, thereafter adult £1, child 50p.

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BRIDGE

Serious flaws in a jewel of a duel

José Le Dentu's daily bridge article in *Le Figaro* is one of the innumerable delights that France offers holidaymakers in August. Driven from the beach by storm and tempest, I took solace from a hand he cites featuring Benito Garozzo and veteran Tintner international Leon Tintner.

Pairs. East-West game. Dealer North.

Hand 100882
K2
Q192

East overtook the ♠Q with the ♠K and returned the ♠10. Garozzo ducked the first two clubs but won the third round, discarding a diamond from dummy. He crossed to dummy with a top heart to take the diamond finesse, which lost to Tintner's ♠K. This was the position:

Hand 100882
K2
Q192

Tintner cashed his winning club and then found the only continuation to defeat the contract, the two diamonds. If he had switched, as many players would have done, to the ♠J, Garozzo would have won in dummy and cashed his winning hearts, squeezing East in spades and diamonds. Tintner's thoughtful play destroyed the communications.

Admirable defence by Tintner, but I wonder whether

Garozzo was satisfied with his play. As I see it, he made two errors, which almost makes the hand a collector's piece.

At the point when he won the third club he could count nine certain tricks provided the hearts broke, and the diamond finesse could provide a tenth. Only if the hearts were 5-1 would the hand require any skill, so Garozzo should have directed his mind to that possibility. In either event he should have discarded the ♠10, rather than a diamond, on the third club.

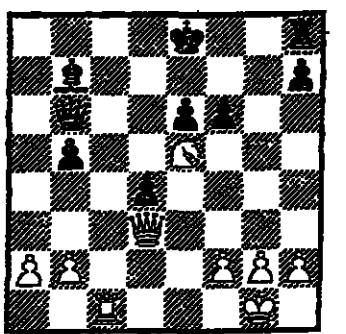
Again, it costs nothing to cash a second heart before taking the diamond finesse. As it is a Pairs contest, West cannot afford to duck. West is placed in an impossible predicament. If he cashes his club, he exposes his partner to a spade-diamond squeeze. If he switches to a heart, Garozzo can cash his red winners before placing East on play to lead into the spade tenace. Finally, if he switches to a spade, Garozzo ducks and his ♠7 ultimately becomes a menace that East cannot resist.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

First Red star shoots to the top

Harry Golombek continues the series on former world champions with a look at Mikhail Botvinnik



At the beginning of 1946 a challenge had come from Botvinnik for Alekhine to play a match for the championship in England in 1947. Alekhine accepted but his sudden death in March 1946 prevented it. FIDE then arranged for the world's best masters to play each other five times to decide the championship.

The subsequent match tournament resulted in an overwhelming win for Botvinnik. Here is one of his impressive finishes against Dr Euwe, the former holder of the world title. White: Botvinnik. Black: Euwe. World Championship Match Tournament, Moscow 1948.

With his powerful Bishop and central pawn majority Euwe appears to have an excellent position. If White's Knight retreats with 22 N-B3 then 22... P-K4 is fine for Black. Botvinnik, however, is ready with a devastating surprise.

22 a-kx3
A beautifully neat sacrifice that wins by obtaining complete control of the 7th rank.

22... P-N
Or 22... R-B1 23 Q-N7 followed by R-B7, as here.

23 Q-N7 R-B1 24 R-B7
There is no other way of preventing mate. If 24... Q-Q3 25 RxB P-Q6 26 R-R7 Q-Q1 27 QxRP P-Q7 28 Q-N6ch. The rest of the game is merely a matter of technique, though Botvinnik plays it in the most accurate manner.

25 Q-Q3 R-B4 26 Q-Q3 R-B4 27 Q-Q3 R-B4 28 Q-Q3 R-B4 29 Q-Q3 R-B4 30 Q-Q3 R-B4 31 Q-Q3 R-B4 32 Q-Q3 R-B4 33 Q-Q3 R-B4 34 Q-Q3 R-B4 35 Q-Q3 R-B4 36 Q-Q3 R-B4 37 Q-Q3 R-B4 38 Q-Q3 R-B4 39 Q-Q3 R-B4 40 Q-Q3 R-B4 41 Q-Q3 R-B4 42 Q-Q3 R-B4 43 Q-Q3 R-B4 44 Q-Q3 R-B4 45 Q-Q3 R-B4 46 Q-Q3 R-B4 47 Q-Q3 R-B4 48 Q-Q3 R-B4 49 Q-Q3 R-B4 50 Q-Q3 R-B4 51 Q-Q3 R-B4 52 Q-Q3 R-B4 53 Q-Q3 R-B4 54 Q-Q3 R-B4 55 Q-Q3 R-B4 56 Q-Q3 R-B4 57 Q-Q3 R-B4 58 Q-Q3 R-B4 59 Q-Q3 R-B4 60 Q-Q3 R-B4 61 Q-Q3 R-B4 62 Q-Q3 R-B4 63 Q-Q3 R-B4 64 Q-Q3 R-B4 65 Q-Q3 R-B4 66 Q-Q3 R-B4 67 Q-Q3 R-B4 68 Q-Q3 R-B4 69 Q-Q3 R-B4 70 Q-Q3 R-B4 71 Q-Q3 R-B4 72 Q-Q3 R-B4 73 Q-Q3 R-B4 74 Q-Q3 R-B4 75 Q-Q3 R-B4 76 Q-Q3 R-B4 77 Q-Q3 R-B4 78 Q-Q3 R-B4 79 Q-Q3 R-B4 80 Q-Q3 R-B4 81 Q-Q3 R-B4 82 Q-Q3 R-B4 83 Q-Q3 R-B4 84 Q-Q3 R-B4 85 Q-Q3 R-B4 86 Q-Q3 R-B4 87 Q-Q3 R-B4 88 Q-Q3 R-B4 89 Q-Q3 R-B4 90 Q-Q3 R-B4 91 Q-Q3 R-B4 92 Q-Q3 R-B4 93 Q-Q3 R-B4 94 Q-Q3 R-B4 95 Q-Q3 R-B4 96 Q-Q3 R-B4 97 Q-Q3 R-B4 98 Q-Q3 R-B4 99 Q-Q3 R-B4 100 Q-Q3 R-B4

Botvinnik was the first Soviet world champion. After his retirement from active chess in 1970, Botvinnik founded a chess school, of which Kasparov is the best known graduate. Indeed, in Kasparov's games we see a blend of Alekhine's fiery imagination with Botvinnik's insistence on scientific research.

Paperbacks

Striking back for the Empire

Television Today and Tomorrow - wall-to-wall Dallas? by Christopher Dunkley (Penguin, £2.95)

in the last days of their empire, the public duopolists, BBC and ITV, who have for so long straddled the globe of broadcasting, sit in the market square, awaiting the alien foe. The Visigoths, cable and satellite, unregulated and unregulatable, are at the city gates, flaunting banners of freedom.

What was this empire? How does it now defend its boundaries? What claim does it have on our loyalties? What say the omens? What portends?

Each week, on the arts page of the *Financial Times*, Christopher Dunkley offers a trenchant commentary on the medium, its product and its affairs. Now, at yet another critical moment of debate on broadcasting's future, he offers a clear summary of the record to date, and of the issues that divide the parties in dispute about that future.

In the face of the proliferation of media spawned by the new technologies of satellite and cable, will duopolistic public service broadcasting survive? Does it deserve to? This short book will guide the discussion, rather than end the argument. It is not wholly accurate: NARAL, long defunct, for NAR, in the thicket of initials, betrays a significant misunderstanding. And, if Thames Television contributed programmes to the network in proportion to its domestic profit, we should have had no *Minder* this year. But it is fair and perceptive, not taken in by the boasts of those who proclaim a new and perfect order of multiplicity of choice, nor wholly unsparing about the complacency of the defenders of the best broadcasting in the world.

Change is in the air, and upon us. Rupert Murdoch's satellite Sky Channel broadcasts inexpensive American re-runs

to Europeans who both enjoy the easy entertainment they offer, and learn English in so doing. Virtue is added to profit. And there is more to come.

This duopolist is unafraid. But then he wholeheartedly applauds Mr Dunkley's conclusion: the object of public policy ought to be to preserve the best of what is currently on offer, until new choices for all are actually available. And that, given the start-and-stop that has been this Government's substitute for communications policy, will not be for a decade at least.

Newspapers with any regard for values need not argue impatiently for destruction. Broadcasters need to save their standards, not betray them. The barbarians, at least in Cavafy's poem, would have been a welcome solution, for the city's life was ended. Not so with the duopoly. British broadcasting, serving and satisfying a great majority of viewers and listeners each and every week, offers no easily vulnerable vacuum to newcomers, abhorrent or otherwise. There is life in the empire yet.

Jeremy Isaacs

Maverick who dips his pen in acid

I can think of a lot of people who would like to be writing this review: "Screaming Ron Brown of Leith, that atom of public melancholy", "that finished primitive Mr Dennis Skinner", or "that exalted model, Peter Walker".

There would not be a thing or two to say about Edward Pearce, the parliamentary sketch writer for the *Daily Telegraph* and author of this expanded sketch of the contemporary political scene.

On behalf of these, and countless other victims of Mr Pearce's sharp pen, let us dispose as quickly as possible of his good points.

He is highly intelligent, well-read, can turn many a fine

Hummingbirds and Hyenas by Edward Pearce (Faber and Faber, £4.95)

phrase and is skilled in the art of abuse.

Take his observations on Mrs Thatcher: "She is a reflex pedant tediously and unapologetically given over to correcting Cabinet colleagues on irrelevant details from a treasure-house of small-change information. Her sense of humour is a little above zero; as a speaker on public occasions she can be plain, distressing, unadorned, unrelaxed and a triumphant, trumpeting scold."

Mr Pearce, who is a maverick Tory, is often hardest on his own side, and can be acute and highly entertaining.

But he also has many faults:

he gets carried away with phrase-making, pursues unhelpful metaphors and similes, flaunts his knowledge of opera to no useful purpose, and occasionally becomes incomprehensible.

"The meaning here: 'The... believe privately as... opera-goers... believe publicly. The party has all the built-in stability of the Hang Seng Index'."

Mr Pearce is the professional type, whose lack of economy and a common touch keep him well outside the first division of contemporary humorous writers.

Is that withering enough, Ron, Dennis, Peter, Margaret et al? Or perhaps Mr Skinner would prefer something more succinct, like "four-eyed git"?

Rupert Morris

Forward too fast

BOOKS IN BRIEF

Inside Babel by Snoo Wilson (Chatto, £3.95)

The trouble with futuristic fiction is that it has to be exhaustively clever. In this late space-age story, the action is so packed with invention and the writing so thick with puns, spoof echoes of other science fiction and verbal wit, that it is sometimes hard to wade from one paragraph to another.

At the centre is a girl who starts off as a prostitute in a brothel in King's Road, and then finds true love with a mathematical genius. Their liaison sets off a string of disasters which finally come to rest in a drive-in fast-prayer cathedral in Los Angeles. There are some patches of sprightly farce, but there is glitter with too much invention chucked about instead of cherished.

The Psychoanalytic Movement by Ernest Gellner (Penguin, £3.50)

In this polemical and provocative study, the Professor of Social Anthropology at Cambridge argues that Freudian psychoanalysis is a complex belief system filling a vacuum in modern society. It is incorporated in medicine and claims to be scientific, so making itself acceptable to modern sensibility. At the same time it provides pastoral services comparable to those once offered by religion. The relationship between the clergy of psychoanalysts and their clientele ensures the perpetuation of the heresy. *C'est la therapie, et non pas la maladie, qui est imaginative.*

Propertius, The Poems translated by W. G. Shepherd, introduction by Betty Radice (Penguin Classics, £3.95)

Propertius broke the traditional bounds of Latin with his passionate love elegies, which brought a new sensitivity to sound and imagery into poetry. Translated by that fine and full scholar, Betty Radice, whom we greatly miss, a worthy book of a brilliant but flawed poet.

Anne Barnes and Philip Howard

IN THE GARDEN

Get in trim for winter

Temperatures drop this month but before the bad weather starts there's a lot that can be done to prepare the lawn for winter. If the weather stays mild the grass will continue to grow, albeit slowly. Carry on cutting but do not cut too short. At this time of the year I always box off. If there is a heavy dew or if the grass is still wet after rain, remove the surface moisture with a brush broom.

You should begin a control programme against worms as they can damage lawns at this time of year by producing worm casts. Some controls contain irritants which drive the worms to the surface where they can be swept off, other chemicals will eradicate them altogether.

Raking is also essential. Go over the lawn lightly with a rake to open up the surface and to remove the ill-effects of worm casts. Serious scarifying should be left until the spring as the

grass begins to wake up after the winter. Tined rakes are the tools to use as they rake into the dead grass at their surface and this helps to aerate the lawn. It also helps to remove the runners of many weeds and moss. Remember that bare patches of lawn at this time of year will attract weeds rather than grass.

During the year, lawns become compacted by lawn mowers and feet and this has to be relieved. There are two ways to do this: solid tining or hollow tining. Decide which you require and proceed slowly. Hollow tining is best if you wish to get an autumn dressing into the lawn; solid tining is used if you are simply aerating and breaking up the compaction. If you do not have a tining tool, a fork will do almost as well for solid tining; you drive the tines of the fork into the grass at 6-inch intervals. The fork should go in 4 to 6 inches and it is necessary to cover the whole of the lawn. As the season progresses these holes are filled with a top dressing of sand.

Finally, never allow autumn leaves to build up as this cuts down light to the grasses and seriously affects the aeration. Leaves make good compost and should be added to the compost heap so long as they are wet and can be dressed with an activator.

Ashley Stephenson



Bright bulbs (from left) crocus and Chionodoxa lucillae, Fritillaria imperialis and fritillaria meleagris

Springing to life

Spring flowering bulbs are the perfect companion to early flowering plants. Plant any time from now into November. One of my favourites is the Crown Imperial *Fritillaria imperialis*. Look at *F. aurea*, which has coppery red blooms, or *F. lutea maxima* with yellow flowers. The alliums (or flowering onions) include *Allium Ailanthicum*, about

2ft high with large heads of lilac flowers, and *A. giganteum*, 4ft with tighter heads of pinkish violet. Bulbs suitable for pockets in the rock garden include *Chionodoxa lucillae*, which has blue flowers with a clear white centre. *Crocus chrysanthus* types include Bluebird, Cream Beauty, and Snowbunting. *Fritillaria meleagris* or the Snakes Head Fritillary is worth naturalizing through grass. Bulbs can be obtained from Walter Buis, Levensden, Watford, Herts.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 772)

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, October 17, 1985. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9YT. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, October 19, 1985.

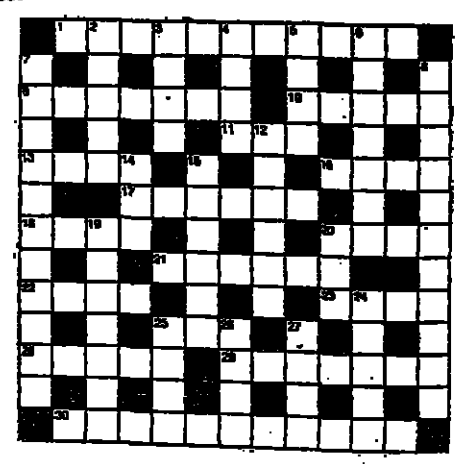
ACROSS

- 1 Large neck blood vessel (7,4)
- 9 Promote (7)
- 10 Longest European river (5)
- 11 Meadow (3)
- 13 Contempt noise (4)
- 14 Road gravel (4)
- 17 Bumpy (6)
- 18 Rest (4)
- 20 Adored one (4)
- 21 Calendar emperor (6)
- 22 Red-skinned cheese (4)
- 23 Polynesian drink (4)
- 25 Affirmative vote (3)
- 28 Cooked cow stomach (5)
- 29 Moral story (7)
- 30 Union rep (4,7)

DOWN

- 2 Encourages (5)
- 3 Salt Lake city stake (4)
- 4 Adam, Eve second son (4)
- 5 Owl test (4)
- 6 Badly brought up (3,4)
- 7 Proper reward (4,7)
- 8 Political group head (5,6)
- 12 Causing vomiting (6)
- 14 Colour (3)
- 15 Bewilder (6)
- 19 Main S American tongue (7)
- 20 Writing fluid (3)
- 24 Warning signal (5)
- 25 Sharp cry (4)
- 26 Observe (4)
- 27 Infused beverage (4)

SOLUTION TO No 771
ACROSS: 1 Vacuum 5 Doctor 8 UDR 9 Lichen 10 One off 11 Bear 12 Junk shop 14 Squeak 17 Spends 19 Bankrupt 22 Oath 24 Prefab 25 Laid up 26 Eve 27 Blared
DOWN: 2 Arise 3 Unhorse 4 Muntjak 5 Drown 6 Cuckoo 7 Offload 8 Kop 15 Quarrel 16 AGR 17 Settler 18 Emotive 20 Kafir 21 Unbed 23 Truth
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SHOPPING

By Beryl Downing

Taking a shine to dining-room silver

Fashion has decided - with a certain amount of social insensitivity - that the coming winter is going to be a de luxe one, full of rich fabrics and sparkle. That means table settings will be lavish, too. It would be somewhat incongruous to assemble your glittering guests round the Tupperware.

So table silver will be hogging the candlelight once again, and of plated cutlery for £49 will be doubly seductive. But exactly what are you getting for your money, and why does the price of the same pattern of "25 year plate" vary from ridiculously cheap to absurdly expensive? When even an expert cannot tell the thickness of silver plate without the help of a machine, it is not safe to assume that a fork is simply a fork.

It seems extraordinary that this country, having introduced the leopard's head hallmark on silver in 1300 - an early piece of consumer protection by Edward I - has been positively careless about silver plate.

Only five years ago it was brought to the attention of the Assay office that some supposedly silver plated knives, forks and spoons had no measurable deposit of silver: they were simply coloured silver and lacquered.

The trade association formed a joint committee of investigation under the chairmanship of Alan Parkin, one of the 30 Guardians of the Standard of the Wrought Plate Within the Town of Sheffield.

There was already a British Standard of 20 microns (technically micrometres) of silver on plated cutlery and the committee's recommendation was that anything with less than two micrometres of silver plate should be described as "silver flashed". There is a standard for plated domestic "holloware" -

dishes, jugs and other decorative silver - but it has never been applied.

A micrometre here or there is impossible to distinguish visually, so many manufacturers classify their ranges as "15 year" or "50 year" plate, which Mr Parkin dismisses as "absolutely meaningless".

"If you keep them in a box they will last for ever. Unless such descriptions are accompanied by a declaration of the silver thickness they are useless. Another meaningless term is the time-honoured 'All plate'. All it means is that a plate is a particular manufacturer's best and in some cases that could be very, very poor."

Alan Parkin, who is a Freeman of the Goldsmiths' Company, speaks from a position of strength. His family have been silversmiths since 1708 and his son Peter is the tenth generation in the business. The present company was founded in 1919 making plated holloware under the Parkin name and special sterling silver commissions, which recently included a child's porringer for P & O to present to Prince Henry.

The Parkin family also acquired Elkingtons, the company which patented electroplating in 1840 after George

Richard Elkington had seen a demonstration by a certain Dr. Smee. Elkington saw the potential of the process and the good doctor is rarely credited with the discovery.

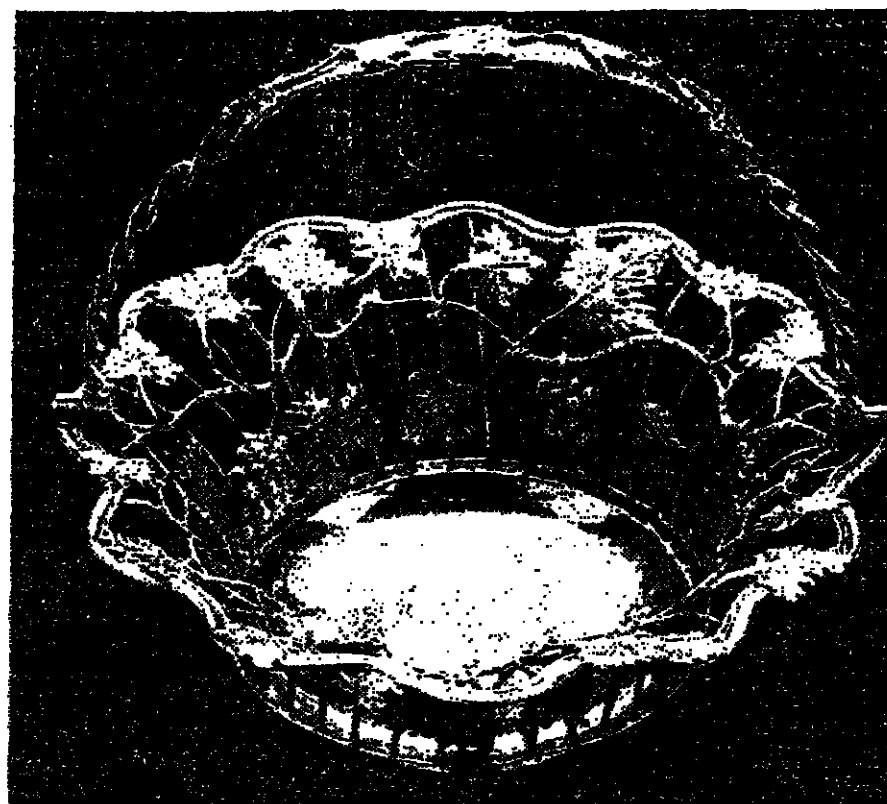
With the company came the original Elkington patterns and many of these are in production today, including the Victorian designs, Louis XVI and Regency and the plainer 1930s styles Westminster and Aegian. All these are guaranteed to have a deposit of at least 20 micrometres, for Parkin/Elkington is one of the few manufacturers with a machine that measures silver thickness in less than a minute, so that constant checks can be made during production.

An amateur buying modern silver plate or antique silver is completely at the mercy of the expert. One of the most respected sellers in London is S. J. Phillips of New Bond Street, who are known to dealers worldwide.

Their advice to the would-be collector is to find a dealer you not only trust but like. "No matter how good the advice is, if you don't like the person giving it you won't go back to him," says Nicholas Norton of Phillips. He also advises asking The British Antiques Dealers' Association for its list of members in your area.

Another much younger company, which is building its reputation on an insistence on quality is A. D. C. Heritage owned by Francis and Toni Raeymakers, who have progressed in just over five years from a stall no bigger than 36 square feet in Antiquarius to an elegant showroom in Old Bond Street.

They now have an interesting selection of high quality silver for collectors including a wide range of small items such as vinaigrettes, wine labels and



serving spoons in the £65 to £300 bracket and salt cellars, cream jugs and wine funnels from £300 to £500. There is some modern silver, too, from £18, which makes attractive gifts but one of their main specialities is antique cutlery. There are usually between 20 and 25 canteens in stock, which is one of the largest ranges in London.

When you are spending about £2,000 for an Edwardian canteen, or £4,500 for a Victorian mixed set (by one maker at different dates) or between £7,000 and £12,000 for a Victorian set of same date and maker, it is wise to put yourself in the hands of a dealer you can trust and who will offer some guarantees.

If you spend large sums at auction, you must know what you are doing. Auctioneers sometimes make mistakes and if you have taken their word the mistake is also yours. But if you are spending between £50 and £200 you will be able to pick up



menu card holders, napkin rings. Vesta cases and caddy spoons at prices between 50 and 200 per cent less than in a shop. If you have the time and patience, it is also possible to collect a canteen of cutlery for considerably less than the retail price, but you will be limited to certain patterns - Fiddle and Old English will probably be easiest - and you will have to go to 20 or 30 auctions.

But Ralph Holt of auctioneers Phillips in Blenheim Street,

London warns that silver is not necessarily a good investment. "Never buy anything you don't like, hoping that you will be able to make a profit," he says. "The silver market fluctuates enormously and you must be prepared to live with what you have chosen."

Mr Holt did, however, offer a couple of tips. He considers the silversmith Omar Ramsden, who produced a lot of commissioned work between 1897 and 1900, to be undervalued. "When collectors

in the 21st century look back and decide who were the best makers of the 1900s, Ramsden will be at the top of the list." If you have modern silver you should enjoy its beauty while you can, for you are very unlikely to benefit financially from it. Even Stuart Devlin's intricately crafted "surprise eggs" are selling at auction for one third of their original price. Antiques of the future they may be, but a silver lining to a temporary cloud they are not.

SPOT CHECK

ANTIQUES
Always buy the best you can afford. Two good examples are better than five average ones for the same money. Condition is paramount, weight less important. Look for repairs and erasures of crests. A dealer will feel silver to test its spring and give. Even if an erasure is not visible the silver will be thinner. Solder lines can be disguised by electroplating, which will be whiter than the bluish tinge of antique silver. Examine handles and spouts. Handles are always placed on the seam. Early coffee pots had handles at right angles to the spout which were sometimes moved to the now conventional position. Look inside the pot where the seam shows more clearly. De-bussing, or the removal of dents, is the only restoration which will not reduce the value.

CUTLERY
Forks should have long, even tines (prongs). These can become blunted and worn down on one side. Sometimes dealers cut the prongs down to make them look even.

Spoons should have smooth, round edges. Make sure the pattern on the handles is well defined. Bead is particularly liable to be rubbed away over the years. Old English pattern is more desirable than Fiddle and unscrupulous dealers have been known to shave Fiddle and convert it to Old English without damaging the marks. But these relatively simple designs were made in much larger quantities than the more elaborate and heavier patterns which attract higher prices.

PLATED CUTLERY
Ask whether the plate conforms to the British Standard and also make sure of the base material - it should contain 12 per cent nickel. Look between the prongs of the forks. Cheap ones show serrations where the blank has been cut. Buy only a reputable brand. Under present laws it is possible for European manufacturers to put almost any mark on cutlery and export it to Britain. Some cutlery has reached the UK marked "Solingen" which implies the best German manufacture, but was actually made in Korea.

DRINK

Appellation celebration

I have never been fond of rules and regulations. That hackneyed old phrase about a camel being a horse designed by a committee has never seemed more apt than when considering EEC wine laws. Who was the bright Italian, for example, who decided to hand out that country's highest quality designation - the recently introduced DOCG - as a blanket award to all Chianti, including the good, the bad and the ugly? And how is it that Germany, whose wine laws seem to be the stiffest and most meticulous in the world, has had more wine scandals and frauds during the past decade than any other country?

Yet for all the tedious legalism of those classic EEC wine documents 337 and 338 of 1979, those EEC wine men do serve some purpose.

In the bad old days before 337 and 338, France and other wine-producing nations were never particularly concerned about what went into the bottle. The wine laws have certainly not turned every vigneron and producer into a saint overnight, as the recent Austrian scandal proves; but fudging is a great deal more difficult.

After various early attempts to guarantee the region and method of production, in 1935 France eventually came up with what is now recognized as the international blueprint for wine regulations: *appellation d'origine contrôlée*. This AC or AOC

classification was to be controlled in turn by the Institut National des Appellations d'Origine des Vins et Eaux de Vie (or INAO) - a self-governing body made up of both producers and merchants. Since then, the INAO has been fairly successful and deserves its fiftieth anniversary celebrations this year.

To mark the occasion tasting competitions were held all over France to find the finest and most representative wine from each *appellation*. Having tasted a selection of the 26 wines I can confirm that once again the INAO has won through.

We began with racy, green Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine '84, from Donatien Bahuauud, with a lively, positive taste that lived up to its *sur lie* designation (Arthur Cooper/Roberts Shops; £3.59).

Next in line was Jean Claude Degueneau's '84 Pouilly Fumé - its elegant, clean herbaceous character was everything you would expect from a great Loire wine. (Available in a week's time Reid Wines, The Mill,

Marsh Lane, Hallatrow, Bristol, £5.15.) I also much enjoyed Gaston Huet's '82 Vouvray, a demi-sec wine blessed with an apricot candied-peel taste. (The Wine Society, Gunners Wood Road, Stevenage, Herts; £5.15.)

Among the reds, the '82 Pecharmant, a little known *appellation* south-east of Bordeaux, from the Domaine de Champarel, was much admired by everyone; with its enormous purple-black colour and hefty, tannic fruit it still needs a decade or more in the cellar. From the same vintage, but from further south, came the 1982 Côte du Roussillon Villages, Cuvée Georges Pous, from the Lesquerde co-operative: a lovely, spicy-peppery wine that proved the Midi can produce quality as well as quantity (not available in this country at the moment). A luscious pineapple-peachy '83 Sauternes from Château Bastor-Lamontagne rounded off the occasion (Corney & Barrow, 12 Helmet Row, London EC1; £7.48).

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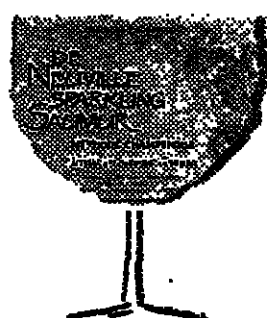
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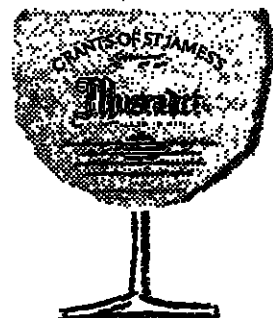
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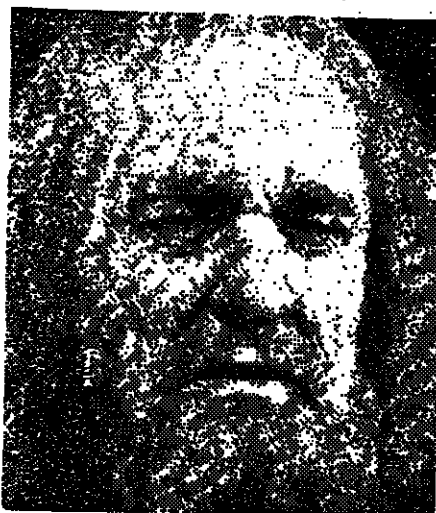
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OPERA

VERDI FIRST: Elizabeth Connell, once a mezzo but now a dramatic soprano, sings Leonora for the first time in the Covent Garden revival of Verdi's *Il trovatore*, with Jose Carreras in the title role. Royal Opera House (01-240 1066) from today. On Thursday she is a soloist in Mahler's *Des Knaben Wunderhorn* at the Barbican.



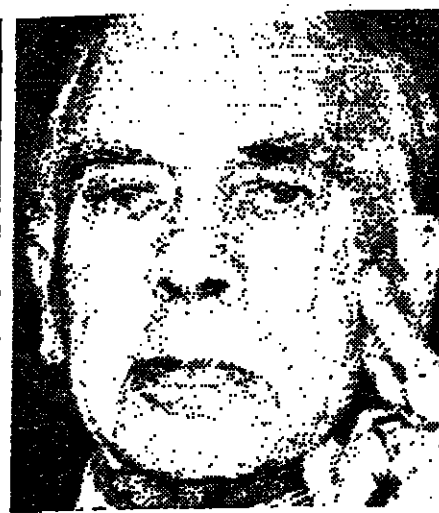
FILMS

MAX FACTOR: Mel Gibson and Tina Turner play two of the adventurers in the post-holocaust world in *Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome* (15), which also features some clever stunt work. From Friday at the Warner West End (01-439 0791), Classic Haymarket (01-839 1527) and Classic Oxford Street (01-636 0310).



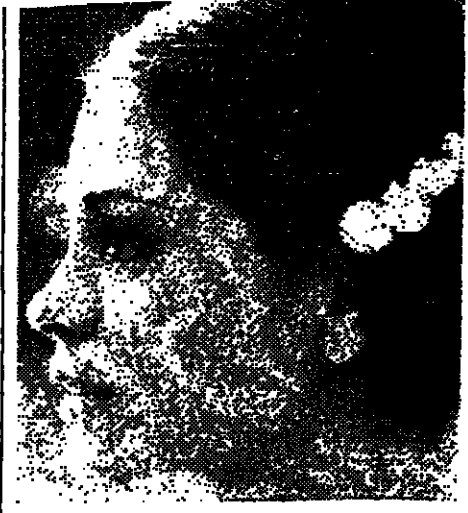
BOOKS

POST BAG: Ezra Pound and Wyndham Lewis, the prime movers of the Vorticist movement, wrote to each other from 1909 until Lewis's death in 1957. *The Letters of Ezra Pound and Wyndham Lewis* (Faber, £25) gathers their intense correspondence and shows how they tried to gain a perspective on their own art.



RADIO

IN TRIBUTE: William Alwyn, whose compositions ranged from film scores to opera, died last month. Tomorrow's Radio 3 programme was originally planned as a celebration but now it becomes a tribute. Included are two pieces by Alwyn, as well as new works by Anthony Gilbert and Arnold Cooke (9.05-9.45pm).



DANCE

STEPPING OUT: Elisabetta Terabust, the ballerina who divides her time between her native Italy and London Festival Ballet, appears with Peter Schaufuss in Natalia Makarova's new staging of *La Bayadère*, a production to challenge that of the Royal Ballet. Palace Theatre, Manchester (061-236 9922) from Friday.

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THEATRE

IN PREVIEW

THE DRAGON'S TAIL: Penelope Keith, Mark Kingston, Amanda Root and Robert Hines in a new comedy by Douglas Watkinson. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-437 2683/434 3598). Previews from Wed. Opens Oct 21.

THE GRACE OF MARY TRAVES: A young woman in 18th-century London embarks on an effort to lose her innocence. Royal Court, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 1745). Previews from Thurs. Opens Oct 22.

PARTICULAR FRIENDSHIPS: A new comedy by Martin Allen about the staff of the documentary department of a television company. Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, London NW3 (01-722 9301). Previews from Thurs. Opens Oct 22.

OPENINGS

THE CASTLE: Second of three new Howard Barker plays. Nick Hamm directs a tale of Crusaders returning home. The Pit, Barbican, London EC2 (01-628 8795). Previews Mon and Tues. Opens Wed.

THE DELIBERATE DEATH OF A POLISH PRIEST: Ronald Harwood's dramatization of the trial of four Polish state security officers for the killing of Father Jerzy Popielusko. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404). Previews Tues and Wed. Opens Thurs.

DEVIL'S PEAK: Play performed, directed and written by South Africans. Croydon Warehouse, 62 Dingwall Road, Croydon (01-880 4060/681 1257). Previews today, tomorrow. Opens Tues.

SELECTED

THE ALCHEMIST: A vivid production of Jonson's comic masterpiece. Lyric, Hammersmith, London W6 (01-741 2311).

THE SEAGULL: Vanessa Redgrave and Natasha Richardson join forces in a much improved transfer. Queens (01-734 1166).

TORCH SONG TRILOGY: Harvey Fierstein's Broadway hit provides a showcase for Antony Sher as the plucky drag queen. Albany (01-836 3878).

OUT OF TOWN

LEICESTER: Soft Shoe Shuffle. Film director Mike Hodges's first stage play, a black comedy said to combine Spillane and Orson. Haymarket Studio (0533 539797).

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: The Fortnight. The fourth RSC/W. H. Smith Festival of new plays by new and established writers, workshops of plays in the current repertoire and recitals and discussions. Premieres include *The Futurists* by Dusty Hughes, *The Dead Monkey* by Nick Darke, *Yardsale* (stage premiere of a radio play) by Arnold Wesker for Sheila Steafel. The Other Place (0789 296655 ext 213 for information). No telephone bookings. From Mon.

FILMS

OPENINGS

PETER PAN (U): Revival of Walt Disney's 1953 cartoon feature; a trifle stiff overall, but Captain Hook prompts some lively animation. Classic Haymarket (01-639 1527). From Fri.

THE ANGELIC CONVERSATION (15): The latest feature from the



provocative Derek Jarman; with Paul Reynolds (above) and dreamlike images matched to Shakespeare's sonnets. Everyman (01-435 1525). From Fri.

THE FLAMINGO KID (15): Matt Dillon stars as the Brooklyn kid growing into manhood in the early 1960s. A modest tale, directed by Barry Marshall. Cinemas, Pavilion Street (01-930 0831). Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Classic Chelsea (01-362 5096). From Fri.

SELECTED

HAIL MARY (18): Jean-Luc Godard's controversial treatment of the biblical story of Mary and Joseph. Metro, Piccadilly Circus (01-437 0757).

PALE RIDER (15): Clint Eastwood's handsome Western about a stranger helping poor gold prospectors fight off big business. Warner West End (01-439 0791).

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: The Covent Garden company opens its season (Thurs at 7.30pm) with *The Sleeping Beauty*, starring Lesley Collier and Stephen Jeffries. Mark Emiler, the Russian guest conductor, is in charge of the Tchaikovsky music. Royal Opera House (01-240 1066).

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: The autumn tour begins at the Manchester Palace on Mon with Ashton's new production of *Romeo and Juliet*; not to be missed. Fri brings two notable premieres: Natalia Makarova's production of the Kingdom of Shades scene from *La Bayadère*, and the first staging for a British company of Paul Taylor's *Aureole*, both to be repeated Oct 19. Manchester Palace (061 236 9922).

DANCE UMBRELLA: David Gordon's Pick-Up Company has its last night at Sadler's Wells today. On Tues the action moves to The Place, where Mark Morris and Dancers, from New York, perform (also Wed and Oct 19). On Thurs and Fri, two mixed bills mainly by British choreographers. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916). The Place, Dukes Road, WC1 (01-387 0031).

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: A week at the Marlboro, Canterbury, begins with Giselle. Margaret Barbieri has the title part Mon and Wed; Tues sees Leanne Benjamin (matinee) and Sherilyn Kennedy (eve); Marion Tait appears Thurs. On Fri and Oct 19, Binley's *Meadow Proverbs* and two Cranko works, *The Lady and the Fool* and *Card Game*. Canterbury, Marlboro Theatre (0227 67246).

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: Siobhan Davies's *Bridge the Distance* and Jerome Robbins's *Moves* are at Bristol tonight and at Warwick Tues and Wed; from Thurs the Warwick programme (until Oct 19) includes Christopher Tanner's new *Shadows in the Sun*. Bristol, Hippodrome (0272 299444). Warwick University Arts Centre (0203 417471).

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A CONNOISSEUR: Impressive 75th birthday celebration of Philip Pouncey who, during a career at the Fitzwilliam, National Gallery and Sotheby's made many exciting discoveries in the field of Old Master drawings. The show includes drawings by Leonardo, Lotto and Correggio, on loan from collections all over Europe. Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street, Cambridge (0223 89501). From Tues.

BRITISH WOMEN SURREALISTS: Although hardly remembered for their involvement today, women were very active in the British Surrealist movement in the 1930s and 40s. Work by five not-so-famous painters, led by Eileen Agar, in a show which coincides with the publication of *Women Artists and the Surrealist Movement* by Whitney Chadwick (Thames and Hudson, £18). Blond Fine Art, 22 Prince Street, London W1 (01-437 1230). From Wed.

TURNER PRIZE: Line-up of artists shortlisted for the bumper £10,000 prize, to be awarded on Nov 12. Judges are currently trying to resolve an impossible question: which of five artists (Terry Atkinson, Tony Cragg, Howard Hodgkin, Ian Hamilton Finlay and John Walker) and one exhibition organizer (Milena Kalinowska) has "made the greatest contribution to art in Britain" over the last year? Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-828 6648). From Thurs.

SELECTED

HOWARD HODGKIN: Triumphant opening show for the remodelled, white-painted Whitechapel Art Gallery, with Hodgkin at his best. His bright, many-layered paintings have more fluency than ever. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107).

BRONZINO TO BOY GEORGE: Adverse, even bizarre, exhibition of work gathered up from houses in Sussex, in fund-raising ruse by the National Art-Collections Fund. Apart from the gentlemen mentioned in the title (the former appearing here as an artist, the latter as a sitter), the exhibition includes a portrait by Millais of his daughters and Charles I's shirt. Art Gallery and Museums, Royal Pavilion, Brighton (0273 603005).

PHOTOGRAPHY

STARS OF THE BRITISH SCREEN: An exhibition that demonstrates that there is always mileage in the myth and nostalgia of the cinema. About 150 portraits, taken from the 1930s onwards. Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Market Square, Preston, Lancs (0772 58248).

WEEGEE THE FAMOUS: Crime, tragedy and famous habitués photographed on the nocturnal streets of New York during the 1930s and 1940s. The Photogallery, 41 Charles Street, Cardiff (0222 41867).

SHOTS OF STYLE: David Bailey's personal collection of fashion photography this century, including most of the famous names. Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London, SW7, (01-589 6371).

LAST CHANCE

SHAFTESBURY SOCIETY: Centenary exhibition of the great social reformer of the Victorian era. Admission free. Closes tomorrow. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

THE PIANO PAST AND PRESENT: Exhibition showing London as the centre of keyboard making since the 1700s. Finishes tomorrow. Open until 11pm. Admission free. Barbican Centre. (01-638 4141).

THE HOLY GRAIL TAPESTRIES: Tapestries by Birmingham-born artist Edward Burne-Jones. Finishes Mon. City Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 (021 235 2834).

THE ART OF THE PAPERBACK: Originals by recent Penguin cover artists. Finishes Mon. Clarendon Gallery, 8 Vigo Street, London W1 (01-439 4557).

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Glenda Jackson is

back on stage in

London next week.

Veronica Grocock

unveils a dramatic

success story

It is typical of Glenda Jackson's zealous commitment to her craft that she constantly tests herself to the limit, searching for new ways to encapsulate a role. Her performance in Philip Prowse's fine revival of Racine's *Phedra* at the Old Vic last year was widely and deservedly acclaimed. She is about to repeat this emotional *tour de force*: the play opens for a 10-week season at the Aldwych Theatre on Tuesday.

How difficult is it to pick up a role again after almost a year? "The trouble is you can't start afresh," Ms Jackson explains, during a break before rehearsals in a South London church hall. "You keep stubbing your toe against what you've done before. You're between the devil and the deep blue sea. It's having the energy again, without making it merely a memory of what you can remember doing."

"I mean, it's all there in the play: it's just *unlocking* it and at the moment I'm using the old combinations. It's like Pavlov's dogs – I'm thinking it before I get there. She prefers it a bit 'bumpy' really."

It is not the first time she has resumed a role after a long gap. She did it with the Royal Shakespeare Company and, more recently, with Eugene O'Neill's *Strange Interlude*, which transferred from London to Broadway.

In *Phedra*, the action takes place in one day. It is, declares Ms Jackson, "an extraordinary play. The ability to condense that amount of time into just two hours and not miss a beat, with everybody's emotions being kicked higher and higher until this great explosion at the end, is astonishing." Despite the excessive demands of the part, she does not feel drained by it. "Good plays feed you. It's bad plays that leave you beached and breathless."

Ms Jackson is calm and welcoming, casually dressed and wears no make-up. Every expression of her mobile features, every nuance of the well modulated voice, suggests a deep aversion to hype and hubbub. She has the ease and articulacy of one at the top of her profession.

She tends to talk in terms of plays rather than parts and thinks the best work is dependent on a small group of people who know each other well, working honestly. "To me, the theatre is not just a group of people in a lit area being watched by a group of people sitting in a dark area. It's something that moves between those two areas and each reinforces the other."

She is not suggesting that audiences should work at it, "as though they're on some punitive expedition... but really great dramatists do exercise some kind of hold. There's an exchange of energy which a great play has within it, of which an audience is part."

The mention of audiences, particularly New York ones, provokes her into a scathing attack: "New York audiences respond to what the critics tell them. The city has become a total theatrical desert. They're all obsessed with something called a 'Broadway Hit'."

She was there earlier this year with *Strange Interlude*. "Some nights I thought: 'They've paid all that money and they're sitting here for five hours: are they actually seeing and hearing what we're doing?' – or are they simply enjoying being at a successful play?"

She admits she has always had a "fantasy" about doing a musical (everyone who saw her in *Stevie* will remember her ability to project a song) but doubts whether she could sustain a singing role for eight performances a week. And she would dearly love to grapple with some Greek classical roles. A Jackson interpretation of Clytemnestra, for example, would be a rare treat.

There are still, she avers, far too few challenging, non-stereotyped parts for actresses in their middle (and later) years: no "continuing stream", no "last mountain to climb" in the modern or classical repertoire.

This autumn sees the release of *Turtle Diary*, Harold Pinter's screen version of Russell Hoban's allegorical novel about a modern-day Beatrice Potter (Glenda Jackson) who writes children's stories, and a disenchanted business executive (Ben Kingsley). They complement each other, linked by their mutual fascination for the giant sea turtles at London Zoo and a deep desire to free them.

Besides being a happy and fruitful experience for Ms Jackson, it is the first film from UBA (United British Artists), the production company she set up with Pinter, Richard Johnson, Albert Finney, Diana Rigg and others. "It's very funny and not-funny at the same time. I just think he's a marvellous writer."

UBA receives a continual flow of new material, but so far, women dramatists have been conspicuously absent. The reasons, Ms Jackson feels, are logistical ones, to do with the conflicting loyalties that most women have.

Early in 1986 she will be back in the West End. Rehearsals start in January for a Charles Wood comedy, *Across From the Garden of Allah*. "It's very funny and not-funny at the same time. I just think he's a marvellous writer."

In her approach to a play – be it comedy, drama, tragedy – the work process seems to me to be pretty much the same... A play is a corporate production. It's how that group of people see that play at that one time. It is an egalitarian, democratic approach, that has nothing to do with power structure or arrogant directors dogmatically pursuing their own egos: a merciful rarity in Ms Jackson's experience. "Perhaps I've just been very lucky."

Phedra previews tonight and Mon and opens on Tues. Aldwych Theatre (01-836 6404).

ARTS DIARY

Hamster's soliloquy

"Exit pursued by a bear" pales into nothingness by comparison with some of the stage directions that litter the 1,850-odd entries received in the Mobil Playwriting Competition. One demands that an eight-foot hamster should burst through the back wall of the stage and address the audience. Another states: "For the first third of this act, the audience should be bored to death." A third challenges the most inventive actor: "As the laughing gas takes hold, the director's features and posture gradually change, paralleling Francis Bacon's *Metamorphosis of Velasquez's Portrait of Innocent X*". But for sheer inscrutability, what about the injunction: "The first person we see is invisible?"

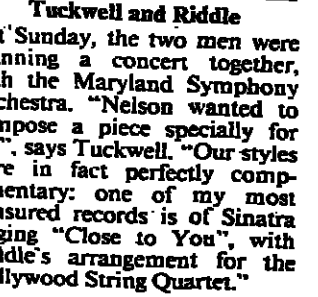
Batty Satie

A rare chance to become clinically insane seems on offer next Wednesday at London's Logan Hall. Post-modernist jazz masters the Vienna Art Orchestra are to perform *The Minimalism of Erik Satie*, a series of improvisations on the French composer's tiny works. One highlight will be part of the unendurable *Exercises*, in which a handful of piano notes is repeated in the same sequence several hundred times. Satie, apparently, fully intended that both performer and audience should be driven mad through repetition.

Scottish feminists must be regarding Giles Haverall, director of the Glasgow Citizens' Theatre, with deep suspicion. Over the last 15 years, he has produced an all-male *Hamlet* and an *Importance of Being Earnest* with a male *Arden* and *Old Lace* has just opened (reviewed in our paper this week by Sarah Hemming), with the homicidal aunts Martha and Abby played by men. "Mr Haverall thinks it gives added point to the anti-realistic premise of the play," explains a female colleague.

Lost partner

The lush string arrangements of the late Nelson Riddle, the bandleader who taught Sinatra to sing lower and more successfully – seem a world away from the classical austerity of Barry Tuckwell, the Australian horn maestro. But only three weeks before Riddle's untimely death



Tuckwell and Riddle

last Sunday, the two men were planning a concert together, with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra. "Nelson wanted to compose a piece specially for me," says Tuckwell. "Our styles were in fact perfectly complementary: one of my most treasured records is of Sinatra singing 'Close to You', with Riddle's arrangement for the Hollywood String Quartet."

Days of Grace

Playing the noble Sir Joseph Porter in *HATS Pinfore* at Sadler's Wells from October 31 should be a refreshing change for Nicholas Grace: the role of the stammering homosexual Anthony Blanche in *Brideshead* threatened to dog his career for ever. He was even approached by an American company which took punters on tours of Oxford, Castle Howard and other key sites. They invited Grace to be an "exhibit" at the Hyde Park Hotel, whose interior was used to film the scenes in the Queen Mary's state rooms. He declined at first but then thought: "What the hell – I could do with a decent lunch. So I used to go along as myself, then switch into the Blanche routine after dessert: 'Welcome, my d-d-dears, all the way from the c-c-colonies...'

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